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**Memorandum**

To: West Allis Common Council Alderpersons

CC: Dan Devine, Mayor and Rebecca Grill, City Administrator

From: Sally Nusslock, Health Commissioner/City Sealer

Date: October 31, 2018

Re: West Allis Health Department New Grants and Agreements

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I am pleased to share that the West Allis Health Department recently has been notified we are the direct recipient of three new grants and a partner in a fourth grant. Information on these new grants and award amounts is described in the paragraphs below. I am requesting Common Council approval to accept the awards and enter into the contract agreements for these new grants.

The first is a three year grant for \$994,766 from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). The purpose of this grant is to continue to build partnerships we have established in the Violence Free West Allis Coalition (VFWAC) and to support interventions to reduce violence in West Allis using a public health approach. The public health approach involves data collection and analysis, identifying the populations and locations at greatest risk, identifying risk and protective factors, and developing and utilizing evidence-based strategies and programs to address violence and violence prevention at the individual, family, community, and societal levels. For the past three years, we have worked with the Injury Prevention Center at Medical College of WI under their BJA grant to collect real time violence data from emergency departments, police and emergency medical services. Utilizing GIS, we have mapped the West Allis data and have worked with the VFWAC to analyze and discuss the data and to begin planning ways to address violence and violence prevention in the community.

This grant will also allow us to expand the scope of the Coalition and to begin bringing in opioid and substance abuse data to analyze its relationships to violence.

The second grant is for \$11,430 through the March of Dimes to implement a *“One Key Question”* Program at the West Allis Health Department. The goal of this model is to introduce pregnancy intention screening into a variety of healthcare settings. The key question to ask is *“Would you like to become pregnant in the next year?”* Based on their response, there is an algorithm to follow to support their intention.

The model:

- support clients in their own goals for if and/or when to have children (reduce unplanned pregnancies)
- reduces the number of close interval pregnancies (recommended spacing is 18 months)
  - close interval pregnancies increase risk of an unhealthy birth outcome
- provides information and resource connections for contraception or pre-conception care.

The grant period is 10/01/2018 – 06/30/2019 and will cover costs associated with a required all day training for 15 people (our Public Health Nurses, WIC Nutritionists, and one Shared Journeys staff) and access to the copyrighted materials to implement the program.

The third grant is for \$8,900 through our Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program. It is an infrastructure grant. The grant will be used to do some renovation at our WIC clinics to assure client privacy and to purchase Playscape waiting room items to keep children busy.

The fourth grant is a grant awarded to Health Care Education & Training (HCET) by the Healthier Wisconsin Partnership Program (HWPP) and includes the West Allis Health Department as one of four Milwaukee Health Departments participating. The purpose of the funding is to implement programs to reduce sexually transmitted diseases, reduce unintended pregnancies, and increase access to care for the uninsured. The grant will provide training, assistance with policy and procedure development, building billing capacity and support, and initial program supplies. At the end of the grant, the West Allis Health Department should be able to sustain the program through billing revenue.

In addition to the grants above, the Health Department has submitted or will submit:

- Three grants that total \$29,000 to the Food & Drug Administration to support our work to achieve the FDA's Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards.
- Staff training stipends from the State for emergency preparedness conferences (local and national).
- A \$20,000 grant to build capacity and support West Allis in conducting opioid fatality reviews.
- A \$6,000 grant to provide training to day care providers and to parents on environmental health factors impacting children.

The activities included in all of the grants will enable us to address several of the goals and objectives of the City Strategic Plan, will help improve the health of our residents, and will move us toward a Gold rating for the Wisconsin Healthy Communities Designation Program.

Thank you for your consideration.

