HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Department Goal:

The 1992-1997 Health and Human Services projects reflect a goal of obtaining modern facilities and equipment which will facilitate effective service to clients and the public. State-of-the-art equipment for sanitation, air and water quality programs will make possible improved monitoring and faster development of workable solutions to contamination and pollution problems.

Communications: Trunked Radio System:

The department proposes to replace the antiquated and trouble-prone radio equipment used by the Environmental Services staff, and to acquire hand-held radios for Public Health Nurses who make home visits. The new equipment would improve staff efficiency and security during field work.

The proposed radio system would enable key department staff to communicate more effectively with each other and to talk with other involved municipal departments during disasters or emergency responses. Lack of range and difficulty in communicating with fire and other emergency personnel hampered management of several recent crises.

Environmental Sanitation:

The sanitarians in the department are responsible for protecting public health through permitting and inspection of more than 1,000 food retail, wholesale, institutional, and processing facilities. The proposed microbiology lab would enable staff to study the relationships between levels of contaminating organisms and faulty procedures and equipment, and would support investigation and resolution of foodborne illness outbreaks. The lab would, in addition, facilitate rapid analyses for resolution of a variety of parasitic, pest and pollution problems encountered in the Environmental Services programs. The department would not have to rely on the insufficient capabilities of non-municipal laboratories.

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Air Quality:

Included in the air quality category are two equipment purchases proposed for the Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program. A vehicle emissions gas analyzer incorporating the most advance available technology would be purchased and evaluated for possible use by all inspection stations. In addition, the new machine would increase referee facility capabilities for diagnosing emissions problems. The proposed dynamometer would also enhance the accuracy and productivity of the referee facility in testing vehicles and resolving disputed tests done by private garages.

Proposed for the ongoing CO monitoring program is replacement of meteorological equipment to improve reliability and to reduce maintenance expenses. The Meteorological equipment has been in use since 1986 to monitor temperature inversions and forecast CO violations.

Public Health Services:

The Point Woronzof Alcohol Treatment Facility (Clithroe Center) provides comprehensive alcohol treatment using a sliding-fee scale which is based on ability to pay. Treatments offered include detoxification and residential treatment with specialized programs for the public inebriate, women with children, and those with dual alcohol and mental health problems.

Currently, this two-story building has no handicap access between floors. Funds are being requested for the installation of an elevator in order to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. In addition, the present electric hot water and heating system would be converted to one fueled by natural gas. Estimated yearly reduction in operations costs would be approximately \$50,000 per year as a result of the conversion to natural gas.

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