

- **What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?**

The Bill originates in Health as a result of a funding opportunity from Highmark.

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The Health Bureau submitted a request for funding to Highmark requesting funds to hire a consultant that has been recognized by the Public Health Accreditation Board. This consultant will assist the Health Bureau in meeting several of the accreditation requirements including quality assessment, quality improvement planning, long term strategic planning and community health improvement planning.

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**
  - **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**
  - **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**
  - **How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities**

The funding allows the Health Bureau to work with Continual Impact LLC to train staff in quality improvement and assurance, to create a strategic and a community health improvement plan and to promote leadership development and coaching skills among staff members.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**
  - **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
  - **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

Highmark will cover all costs of a nine month process - \$97,400. This bill allocates half of the total grant amount, the other half will be included in the 2017 budget.

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**
  - **If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.**

Highmark is the agency awarding the grant.

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

Work is to start July 1, 2016 and conclude by September 30, 2017.

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

Highmark has graciously awarded funding to cover the process which is necessary for Health to complete requirements for accreditation but also to create an improved cultural of quality in operation. This award has significantly saved the city money and allowed Health to pursue a nationally recognized status.