

Reply to Common Council File No. 030440
From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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Common Council File No. 030440 is a resolution relative to application for the Libros Para Placer y Informacion Grant from the State of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. This is a new grant for the Milwaukee Public Library that would assist the library in collaborating with Hispanic Community Organizations to better meet the need for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) resources. It will also allow the library to expand its current Spanish collections to accommodate the increasing demands of Hispanic city residents.

The city's Hispanic population nearly doubled over the past ten years to over 70,000 residents. Although the Library has Spanish collections at Forest Home and Central Libraries, they are unable to meet the demand for these materials at other city libraries. Additionally, the provision of ESOL resources will allow the library to provide needed educational and career enhancement skills to Hispanic residents.

This program will improve Milwaukee's literacy rate and focus on the educational needs of an under-served community. The grant period is from January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004. The funding amount is uncertain at this time.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE COMMON COUNCIL FILE NO. 030440 WHICH ALLOWS THE LIBRARY TO APPLY FOR THE LIBROS PARA PLACER Y INFORMACION GRANT AVAILABLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.



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