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**COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC
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ITEM 7, FILE #061318

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File Number 061318 is a resolution relating to application for, and acceptance and funding of, a Ready to Read with Books2Go Grant.

Background

1. Through the Ready to Read with Books2Go Grant from the State of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, the Milwaukee Public Library will expand library services to preschool children in cooperation with various daycare providers.
2. This is the yearly continuation of the Books2Go grant of 2000. In 2005, the program focused on 18 child care centers, 15 English speaking and 3 bilingual Spanish sites. In 2006, the Ready to Read project was offered to 20 new sites when the 18 original sites completed their 12 month participation.
3. MPL will continue to partner with Wisconsin Early Childcare Association (WECA), MATC and Community Coordinated Child Care (4C's) in offering credits toward certification for the childcare providers or teacher continuing education credits.

Discussion

1. New this year are Family Early Learning Nights, which will be offered to families with children ages birth to 5 years so they may learn about early literacy in a fun, low-key family atmosphere.
2. The funds from this grant will be used to fund consultants who lead sessions, market the project, and purchase materials for the collection to support the program.
3. The grant period extends from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007.

Fiscal Impact

1. The total cost of this grant-funded project is \$87,763, with a grantor share of \$70,880 (81%), and a City share of \$16,883 (19%).

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