

Reply to Common Council File No. 030878

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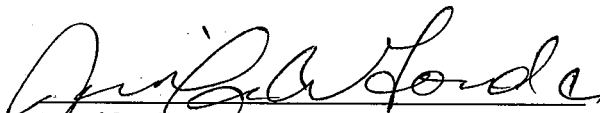
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Common Council File 030878 is a resolution authorizing the Milwaukee Public Library to apply for the Shipshape Grant offered by the Coastal Management Division of the Wisconsin Department of Administration. This is a new grant with funding level yet to be determined.

The Milwaukee Public Library holds a collection of over 7,000 Great Lakes vessel files that are currently being stored in paper format. The files are regularly used by marine history researchers from all over the world. The intent of this grant is to provide funding to convert these valuable files into a computerized database for easy accessibility and to preserve the existing files. The process has already begun with the help of the Wisconsin Marine Historical Society.

**RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE COMMON CONCIL FILE NO 030878 WHICH AUTHORIZES THE MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY TO APPLY FOR THE SHIPSHAPE GRANT OFFERED BY THE STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION.**



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