

Reply to Common Council File No. 010935

From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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Common Council file 010935 is a resolution from the Milwaukee Public Library relative to the proposed agreement between the City of Milwaukee and the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation. This is a revised agreement for the upcoming five years that will strengthen the partnership between the Milwaukee Public Library and the Library Foundation.

In light of recent citywide fiscal challenges, it has become increasingly difficult to increase the resources available to the Library. In this agreement, the Mayor has agreed to stabilize the level of city funding for the Library and make his Library Board appointments from a list of candidates provided by the Foundation. It is the intent of the Library Board that candidates put forth by the Foundation for Board appointment will be of well-rounded qualifications, not just fundraising ability.

The stable level of funding will be based upon the 2001 Library budget, with increases sufficient to offset inflation and related costs each year. In return, the Foundation will be making its best effort to supplement the Library's operating budget by \$250,000 to \$1 million per year over the term of the agreement. It is anticipated that the Foundation will contribute an amount close to \$250,000 in the first year and will increase that amount to a total of \$1 million in the following years. The term of the agreement is from January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2006.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE COMMON COUNCIL FILE 010935 WHICH AUTHORIZES THE MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY TO ACCEPT CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION IN AMOUNTS BETWEEN \$250,000 AND \$1 MILLION OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.



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