

Reply to Common Council File No. 011555

From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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Common Council File No. 011555 is a resolution from the Health Department relative to the application, acceptance and funding of the Early Childhood MPS Daycare Grant. This is a new grant offered by Milwaukee Public Schools for the purpose of increasing the health and school readiness of children aged 0-4.

Milwaukee Public Schools is currently associated with 42 certified licensed daycare sites. The grant will provide immunization, assessment, vision and lead poisoning screening to eligible children at these sites. In addition, the parents will receive education, referral and follow-up on results of their child's screening. The program aims to strengthen the connection between the health community and the childcare community and promote the health of children in the Milwaukee community.

In order to measure the performance of this grant program, the Health Department will actively monitor several indicators amongst children aged 0-4. In particular, the grant program will monitor the increase in immunization compliance rates, number of children screened and referred to medical care for lead poisoning, and the number of children screened and referred for vision screening failure.

The grant is in the amount of \$75,000, to be used between March 1, 2002 and October 31, 2002. After this six-month implementation period, the Health Department anticipates it will be awarded additional grant money to continue the project over a longer period of time.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE COMMON COUNCIL FILE NO. 011555 WHICH AUTHORIZES THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY, ACCEPT, AND FUND THE EARLY CHILDHOOD MPS DAYCARE GRANT OFFERED BY THE MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM.



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