Reply to Common Council File No. 040143

From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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Common Council File No. 040143 is a resolution from the Health Department relative to the application, acceptance and funding of the Emergency Preparedness Grant. This <u>continuing</u> grant funding will enable the Health Department to continue its coordination of activities related to the Milwaukee Center for Emergency Public Health Preparedness.

The center provides coordinated response and operational readiness to man-made and natural disaster emergency incidents requiring public health intervention, such as bio-terrorism. Milwaukee County public health staff and emergency management personnel, the Medical Society of Wisconsin, the Milwaukee Fire Department, and the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments will be collaborating with existing Health Department disease control and prevention staff to maintain a local emergency response network.

Participation in this initiative enhances the Health Department's ability to meet its goal of improving environmental quality and providing communicable disease control in Milwaukee.

This grant is in the amount of \$40,000 and will fund a 0.5 FTE Environmental Hygienist position. The duration of the grant is from January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE COMMON COUNCIL FILE NO. 040143 WHICH AUTHORIZES THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY, ACCEPT AND FUND THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT OFFERED BY THE LYNDE B. UIHLEIN FOUNDATION.

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