

Reply to Common Council File No. 020164

From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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Common Council File No. 020164 is a resolution from the Health Department relative to the acceptance and funding of the Fight Asthma Milwaukee Allies Grant. This new grant is funded by the by Children's Health Systems through the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.

One of the new strategic goals of the Health Department's Home Environmental Health program is to reduce the incidence of asthma related hospitalization, particularly in children under the age of 17. This grant will enable the department to establish a close working relationship with asthmatic children seen in the Children's Hospital Emergency room. The effort will lead to an increased ability of Home Environmental Health staff to understand the causes and case management of children with severe asthma. This grant should eventually contribute to a reduced incidence of asthma related hospitalizations in Milwaukee.

Several other indicators will also be used to monitor the success of this program including the number of families eligible for services, those who successfully receive case management agencies, the reduction in emergency room visits and the results of the Quality of Life survey tool for asthmatic children and their parents. Care coordination, a process of reviewing families for need, educating them about services to be provided, obtaining informed consent, and referring them to a case management provider will be used to facilitate the success of the program.

The grant period is from January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002. The total grant amount is \$66,826 with no city match required. It will fund a new Care Coordinator position and partially fund an existing Office Assistant II.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE COMMON COUNCIL FILE NO. 020164 WHICH AUTHORIZES THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT AND FUND THE FIGHT ASTHMA MILWAUKEE ALLIES GRANT FROM CHILDREN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS.


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