

Reply to Common Council File No. 050371
From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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Ref: 05029

Common Council File No. 050371 is a substitute resolution authorizing the Health Department to apply for, accept, and fund a Fetal Infant Mortality Review Grant. This \$100,000 continuing grant is provided by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration through the Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin. There is no city matching share. The grant year is June 1, 2005 through May 31, 2006. The grant will help the Health Department continue the interdisciplinary review of infant deaths occurring in the City of Milwaukee in order to identify opportunities to reduce infant mortality and support families at risk.

This grant helps the Health Department confront a glaring problem in Milwaukee - the 10th highest infant mortality rates among large cities in the Nation (as of 2000). Creating Early Childhood Conditions that Lead to Success is a key Mayoral outcome and reducing infant mortality is a major goal of the city's Strategic Plan.

The grant funds part of a Health Project Assistant - FIMR position, provides program supplies and equipment, and funds contractual services including data base analysis, interviewers for infant deaths, and medical records review.

**RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE COMMON COUNCIL FILE 050371 WHICH
AUTHORIZES ACCEPTANCE AND FUNDING OF THE FETAL INFANT
MORTALITY REVIEW GRANT.**



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