

Reply to Common Council File No. 031569  
From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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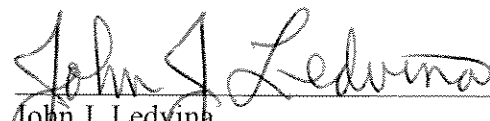
Common Council File No. 031569 is a resolution authorizing the Health Department to apply, accept and fund the Racial and Ethnic Adult Disparities in Immunization Initiative grant. This is a continuing grant offered by the Centers for Disease Control through the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services.

The goal of this grant is to increase the influenza and pneumonia vaccination rates for elderly Hispanic and African American adults. Project staff will be responsible for organizing partnerships of public health professionals and medical providers to develop a community-based plan to increase the vaccination rates. Current vaccination rates of Hispanic and African American adults over the age of 65 are significantly lower than of white adults over 65. The grant funding will help decrease this disparity.

The results of this program will be measured by the vaccination compliance rates in these communities and success of the community planning effort. The program will fund one new position and three existing positions in the Health Department and various operating supplies and equipment.

This is a continuing grant, with the current period from January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004. The grant amount is \$275,000 and is funded entirely by the grantor.

**RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE COMMON COUNCIL FILE NO. 031569 WHICH AUTHORIZES THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY, ACCEPT AND FUND THE RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITIES IN IMMUNIZATIONS INITIATIVE GRANT FUNDED BY THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL.**

  
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