

Reply to Common Council File No. 040250

From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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Common Council file 040250 is a resolution from the Health Department relative to application, acceptance, and funding of the Bioterrorism Grant-Focus C. This is a continuing grant provided by the Centers for Disease Control through the State of Wisconsin Laboratory of Hygiene.

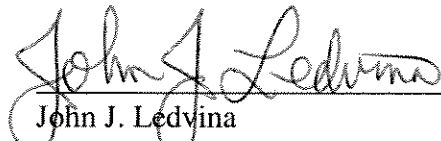
The purpose of this grant is to enhance local public health agency capacity to prepare for and respond to bioterrorism incidents. The grant will primarily support the Health Department's laboratory capacity and interagency communication for the rapid and accurate identification of microbiologic agents that may be involved in a bioterrorist attack.

The grant will assist the Health Department in achieving its goals of (1) protecting the public from the spread of communicable disease and (2) assuring environmental quality. It supports departmental initiatives associated with the improvement of preparedness for bioterrorism and other public health emergencies.

The Bioterrorism Grant shifts from Health's Administration Division to the Laboratory Services Division; amends the grant title to "Bioterrorism Grant-Focus C;" deletes an Epidemiologist and Telecommunications Analyst-Associate; and extends the grant expiration date to August 31, 2004.

The grant is in the amount of \$300,000 with the entire amount provided by the grantor. The grant period is September 1, 2003 through August 31, 2004, with probable renewal over the next five years.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE COMMON COUNCIL FILE NO. 040250 WHICH AUTHORIZES THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY, ACCEPT AND FUND THE BIOTERRORISM GRANT FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL.



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