

Reply to Common Council File No. 031280
From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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Common Council File No. 031280 is a resolution relating the acceptance and funding of the Interlibrary Services Grant offered by the State of Wisconsin, Department of Public Instruction.

In the 2003, the Milwaukee Public Library was originally awarded \$94,000 for to cover the cost of interlibrary loan processing. However, the deficit presented by the State of Wisconsin's 2003-2005 Biennial Budget, required the Department of Public Instruction to make significant reductions in its budget. As a result, this program was targeted for elimination statewide to meet their budget cut.

Recently, the Library received notification that the state had shifted enough funding to restore this program to the Milwaukee Public Library on a limited basis. At the previous level of funding, MPL was able to request materials for its patrons from other libraries as well as sending them out. Unfortunately, the new level of funding will only cover the cost of receiving, retrieving, and distributing a limited number of requests from state residents for library materials from MPL and does not provide for Milwaukee patrons to receive from other library entities.

The total Interlibrary Services Grant award is \$36,000. The grant period will extend from January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE COMMON COUNCIL FILE No. 031280 WHICH AUTHORIZES THE MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY TO ACCEPT AND FUND THE INTERLIBRARY SERVICES GRANT.



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