

Reply to Common Council File No. 021170

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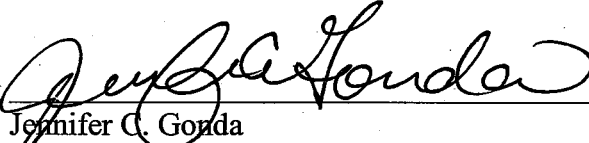
Common Council File No. 021170 is a resolution from the Health Department amending Common Council File No. 020263 related to the application, acceptance and funding of the West Nile Virus Surveillance Grant. This is a new grant from the State of Wisconsin, Department of Health and Family Services.

West Nile Virus was initially detected in Milwaukee birds in 2001. Since that time, the Health Department has handled over 500 reports of dead birds and enhanced mosquito and human surveillance activities. They have also developed a community West Nile Virus Action Plan that includes emergency mosquito control and abatement measures in collaboration with other county and municipal agencies.

This grant will allow the department to continue this important component of their disease control and prevention efforts. Funding provides staff for bird specimen collection, as well as public education and outreach to healthcare providers and the general public.

The grant award has been increased from \$25,000 to \$190,595. The grant period is from July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE COMMON COUNCIL FILE 021170 WHICH AMENDS COMMON COUNCIL FILE NO 020263 AUTHORIZING THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY, ACCEPT AND FUND THE WEST NILE VIRUS SURVEILLANCE GRANT OFFERED BY THE STATE OF WISCONSIN.


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