

Reply to Common Council File No. 021746

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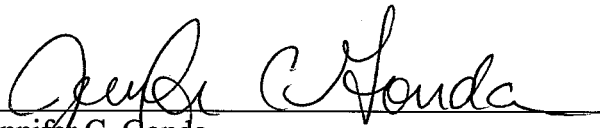
Common Council File No. 021746 is a resolution from the Health Department relative to the acceptance and funding of the Healthy Homes Demonstration Grant. This new grant is offered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

One of the new strategic goals of the Health Department's Home Environmental Health program is to reduce the incidence of asthma related hospitalization, particularly in children under the age of 17. This grant will enable the Health Department to do a pilot project studying 75 families. Each family has a child with moderate to severe asthma and has been identified to take place in this study by the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.

Once identified, the families will be split into a control group and an assessment group. The assessment group will undergo a series of assessments in their home for environmental triggers to asthma. Different home interventions will be assessed to reduce these triggers, which may include reduction of dust mites, cockroach infestation or mold. Once completed, it is hoped that the results of the pilot project will be extended to a broad base of families in the city for intervention.

The grant period is from March 1, 2003 through August 31, 2005. The total grant amount is \$1,035,674 with an in-kind city match of \$335,674.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE COMMON COUNCIL FILE NO. 021746 WHICH AUTHORIZES THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT AND FUND THE HEALTHY HOMES DEMONSTRATION GRANT OFFERED BY THE US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.


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