Reply to Common Council File No. 030465

From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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Common Council File No. 030464 is a resolution authorizing the Health Department to apply for, accept, and fund the Home-Based Asthma Education Grant. This grant is offered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the amount of \$20,000 to fund the assessment of the effectiveness of in-home visual assessments and parent education for children with persistent asthma. This grant project is from 10/1/2003 to 9/30/2005 and is entirely funded by the grantor. This is a new grant.

The Health Department strives to reduce asthma hospitalization rates for children affected by asthma. However, the effectiveness of non-medical asthma interventions is not well understood. This project will allow the Health Department to evaluate the impact of education on health status and changes in the level of environmental allergens in the home.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE COMMON COUNCIL FILE 030465 AUTHORIZING THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND FUND THE HOME BASED ASTHMA EDUCATION GRANT TOTALING \$20,000.

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