

Reply to Common Council File No. 031647

From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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Common Council File No. 031647 is a resolution amending Common Council File 030668 to apply for and accept a \$270,610 grant augment from the US Department of Health and Human Services for the Early Child Care Grant program.

This program is intended to assure the health and safety of children from birth to five years of age who attend group licensed childcare centers. The program focuses on low income families and directly impacts two major outcomes of the Health Department: infant mortality and preschool health. It includes comprehensive assessments of children for lead poisoning, immunizations, vision testing, hearing testing, and developmental screening.

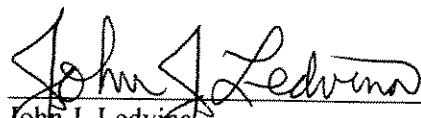
As a condition of the grant, the department is required to collect and report the following new result measures:

- The percentage of children served who receive recommended immunizations by age 3.
- The number or reportable communicable diseases related to childcare centers.
- The percentage of centers that have eliminated safety hazards to prevent accidental injury.
- The percentage of centers that follow safe sleep practices to prevent SIDS.
- The percentage of centers that have eliminated exposure to lead, toxins, and environmental tobacco smoke.
- The number of accidental injuries at daycare centers.

These measures provide a good indication of the ability of the Health Department to impact childcare practices and early childhood health in the central city of Milwaukee.

The grant augments the \$496,750 received under Common Council File No. 030668 for the Early Child Care Grant program. No city match required is required. The augment will fund an additional Public Health Nurse, supplies, training, outreach, and contractual services expenditures. The total grant budget will be \$767,360 during the September 1, 2003 through August 30, 2004 period.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE COMMON COUNCIL FILE NO. 031647 WHICH AUTHORIZES THE MILWAUKEE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY, ACCEPT AND FUND THE EARLY CHILD CARE GRANT AUGMENT OFFERED BY THE US DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.



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