

Reply to Common Council File No. 030633

From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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Common Council File No. 030633 is a resolution from the Milwaukee Public Library relative to the application, acceptance and funding of the Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Grant. This is a continuing grant from the State of Wisconsin, Department of Public Instruction that has been used by the Central Library since the early 1970's to provide the personnel, equipment, and services required to deliver services to the target population.

The grant provides funding for items such as reading material on phonodiscs, cassette tapes, and braille books. It also provides trained staff and personnel to serve this target population. This service is directly related to the city goal to enhance the skills necessary to allow students to graduate from high school with the skills necessary to pursue a job, pursue additional education or training, or go to college.

As a result of this funding, blind and physically handicapped patrons from throughout the region will be served with needed resources. The requested grant amount is \$747,300 and the grant period is from July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

**RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE COMMON COUNCIL FILE 030633 WHICH AUTHORIZES THE MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY TO APPLY, ACCEPT AND FUND THE REGIONAL LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED GRANT.**



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