

Reply to Common Council File No.020717  
From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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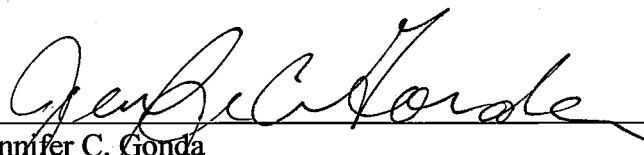
Common Council File No. 020717 is a resolution authorizing the Health Department to apply, accept and fund the Racial and Ethnic Adult Disparities in Immunization Initiative grant. This is a new grant offered by the Centers for Disease Control through the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services.

The goal of this grant is to increase the influenza and pneumonia vaccination rates for elderly Hispanic and African American adults. Project staff will be responsible for organizing partnerships of public health professionals and medical providers to develop a community-based plan to increase the vaccination rates. Current vaccination rates amongst Hispanic and African American adults over the age of 65 are significantly lower than amongst white adults. The grant funding will help decrease this disparity.

The results of this program will be measured by the vaccination compliance rates in these communities and success of the community planning effort. The program will fund two new positions and two existing positions in the Health Department and various operating supplies and equipment.

This is a two-year demonstration grant. The initial grant period is from September 1, 2002 through August 31, 2003. The grant amount is \$189,596 and is funded entirely by the grantor.

**RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE COMMON COUNCIL FILE NO. 020717  
WHICH AUTHORIZES THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY, ACCEPT  
AND FUND THE RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITIES IN IMMUNIZATIONS  
INITIATIVE GRANT FUNDED BY THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL.**

  
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