

Reply to Common Council File No. 011433

From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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Common Council File No. 011433 is a resolution relative to application, acceptance and funding of the Alcohol-Related STD/HIV Risk Counseling Grant offered by the Medical College of Wisconsin. This new grant would fund a new half-time position and program supplies.


People with alcohol use disorders often engage in high STD risk behaviors and typically do not respond well to risk-reduction counseling. A new form of STD/HIV prevention counseling has been specially developed for persons with alcohol use disorders. This grant program will test the effectiveness of the new treatment against the conventional form of STD prevention counseling. Persons coming to the city's STD clinic for examinations will be initially screened for alcohol use disorders and then randomly assigned to a control group or test group upon their consent to participate in the study.

The goals of this grant program directly support the City's strategic goal to improve public health and the Health Department's goal to decrease the incidence of sexually transmitted infections. The funds will be used primarily for data acquisition and entry, which will then be analyzed for potential impact on other prevention activities in the Health Department.

Since 1995, the efforts of the Health Department have led to an overall decline in the city's incidence of sexually transmitted diseases, although rates remain high amongst individuals with alcohol use disorders. The incidence per 100,000 of primary and secondary syphilis in the city decreased from 26.1 in 1995 to 7.2 in 2000. The incidence per 100,000 of HIV decreased from 35.3 in 1995 to 23.8 in 2000.

The grant is in the amount of \$23,683 and requires no city matching funds. The grant period is from September 28, 2001, through August 31, 2002.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE COMMON COUNCIL FILE NO. 011433 WHICH ALLOWS THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY, ACCEPT AND FUND THE ALCOHOL-RELATED STD/HIV RISK COUNSELING GRANT OFFERED BY THE MEDICAL COLLEGE OF WISCONSIN.


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