

Reply to Common Council File No. 030171

From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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Common Council File No. 030171 is a resolution from the Health Department relative to the application, acceptance and funding of the Fetal Infant Mortality Review Grant. This continuing grant funding enables the Health Department to perform an interdisciplinary review of the infant deaths occurring within the City of Milwaukee, with the goal of identifying and supporting at-risk families.

Reducing the infant mortality rate is one of the most pressing issues facing the health of our city. With a 2001 infant mortality rate of over 12 births per 1,000, it is essential that the Health Department continue to seek out high-risk behaviors and work to prevent their occurrence. This funding will help focus this effort on the most effective strategies such as reducing prenatal smoking and increasing safe sleeping environments.

This grant is in the amount of \$85,000 and is provided by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration through the Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin. The duration of the grant is from June 1, 2003 to May 31, 2004.

**RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE COMMON COUNCIL FILE NO. 030171 WHICH AUTHORIZES THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY, ACCEPT AND FUND THE FETAL INFANT MORTALITY REVIEW GRANT.**

  
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