

Reply to Common Council File No. 021777

From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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Common Council File 021777 is a resolution authorizing the Library to apply for the Milwaukee Road Collection Processing grant. This is a new grant offered by the National Railway Historical Society.

The Milwaukee Public Library holds several specialized collections relating to local history. One of these is a unique collection of Milwaukee Road archives. Library staff have been working to process the collection over the years, but have been unable to complete it due to public service needs. This grant will fund an accelerated processing effort by graduate students from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Library Science and Archives program.

This project fits well with the Library's goals to enhance their collection and provide materials for the benefit of researchers interested in local history. A wide variety of patrons in Milwaukee and elsewhere use the partly processed collection. If grant funding is awarded in September of 2003, this project will be completed by August 2004. The grant amount is unknown at this time.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE COMMON COUNCIL FILE 021777 WHICH AUTHORIZES THE LIBRARY TO APPLY FOR THE MILWAUKEE ROAD COLLECTION PROCESSING GRANT OFFERED BY THE NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.



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