Reply to Common Council File No. 030170

From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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Common Council File No. 030170 is a resolution from the Health Department relative to the application, acceptance and funding of the Emergency Preparedness Grant. This continuing grant funding will enable the Health Department to continue its coordination of activities related to the new Milwaukee Center for Emergency Public Health Preparedness.

The center is an initiative to provide coordinated response and operational readiness to manmade and natural disaster emergency incidents requiring public health intervention, such as bioterrorism. Milwaukee County public health staff and emergency management personnel, the Medical Society of Wisconsin and the Milwaukee Fire Department, and the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments will be collaborating with existing Health Department disease control and prevention staff to create a local emergency response network.

Participation in this initiative will directly impact the ability of the Health Department to meet its goal of improving environmental quality and providing communicable disease control in Milwaukee.

This grant is in the amount of \$30,000 and will fund a 0.5 FTE Environmental Hygienist position. The duration of the grant is from January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE COMMON COUNCIL FILE NO. 030170 WHICH AUTHORIZES THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY, ACCEPT AND FUND THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT OFFERED BY THE LYNDE B. UIHLEIN FOUNDATION.

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