

Reply to Common Council File No. 011345

From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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Common Council File No. 011345 is a resolution authorizing the Milwaukee Public Library to accept and fund the Learning for All – Service to Youth with Learning Disabilities Grant funded by the State of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

The State of the Schools 1999-2000 report states that 15% of all students receive special education services. In Wisconsin, approximately 51,000 school children fall into this category. Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) alone accounted for about 15,000 of these children, half of whom are learning disabled.

The project will build upon the work started in 2000 with the LSTA funded project, "Books to Read and Experience." The grant will support planning and implementation of in-service training of library staff, the purchase of adaptive technology and/or collection materials, and marketing of services and collections to families, teachers, and other interested groups.

As a result of this funding, the knowledge and understanding of learning disabilities and their impact on the children and their families will be increased. The requested grant amount is \$24,696, with the grantor providing \$21,130 and the library providing an in-kind contribution of \$3,566. The in-kind contribution is comprised entirely of existing staff time and was contemplated in the 2002 adopted budget. The grant period is from January 30, 2002 through December 31, 2002.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE COMMON COUNCIL FILE NO. 011345 WHICH AUTHORIZES THE MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY TO ACCEPT AND FUND THE LEARNING FOR ALL – SERVICE TO YOUTH WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES GRANT OFFERED BY THE STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.


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