

Reply to Common Council File No. 030464

From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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Common Council File No. 030464 is a resolution authorizing the Health Department to apply for, accept, and fund the Meta House Family Works Project Grant. This grant is offered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration in the amount of \$500,000 to fully fund project operation from 06/01/03 to 05/30/04. This amount represents the first year of an anticipated three year amount totaling \$1.5 million. This is a new grant.

The Meta House Family Works Project Grant will fund the Health Departments partnership with Meta House, Inc. to expand Meta House's capacity to serve primarily African American women and address the many health disparities experienced by this population. It is estimated that more than 5,000 African American women suffer from addiction to alcohol and/or drugs, while the current community capacity for treatment is limited to approximately 550 women.

\$444,275 (88%) of this grant will be made available to Meta House, to be monitored by the Health Department per federal guidelines for service delivery and health outcomes. This grant will also fund salary and fringe benefits for one new Health Project Coordinator-Meta House (SG 04) position in the Health Department.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE COMMON COUNCIL FILE 030464 AUTHORIZING THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND FUND THE META HOUSE FAMILY WORKS PROJECT GRANT TOTALING \$500,000 AND AMEND THE 2003 POSITIONS ORDINANCE C.C. FILE NUMBER 020487 TO INCLUDE (1) HEALTH PROJECT COORDINATOR-META HOUSE(N)(X).



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