

Reply to Common Council File No. 040371

From DOA-Budget and Policy Division

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Common Council file 040371 is a resolution from the Health Department relative to application, acceptance, and funding of the Bioterrorism Grant-Focus B and E. This \$202,709 continuing grant is provided by the Centers for Disease Control through the State of Wisconsin Division of Health and Family Services. No City match is required.


The purpose of this grant is to enhance local public health agency capacity to prepare for and respond to bioterrorism incidents. The grant primarily supports the Health Department's epidemiology and disease surveillance as well as laboratory capacity and interagency communication in the event of a bioterrorism incident.

The grant will assist the Health Department in achieving its goals of (1) protecting the public from the spread of communicable disease and (2) assuring environmental quality. It supports departmental initiatives associated with the improvement of preparedness for bioterrorism and other public health emergencies.

The Bioterrorism Grant- Focus B & E funds an Epidemiologist and Telecommunications Analyst-Associate, shifting these personnel from the Bioterrorism Grant- Focus C.

The \$300,000 grant is entirely provided by the grantor. The grant period is January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004, with probable renewal over the next five years.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE COMMON COUNCIL FILE NO. 040371 WHICH AUTHORIZES THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND FUND THE BIOTERRORISM GRANT- FOCUS C & E FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL.



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