

Reply to Common Council File No. 011686

From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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Common Council File No. 011686 is a resolution authorizing the Health Department to apply, accept and fund the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Grant offered by the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services.

This continuing grant will assist the Health Department in its goal to increase the immunization rates amongst young children, thereby decreasing childhood morbidity rates. The current immunization rate for children birth to 24 months is 63 percent for Milwaukee County and 43.6 percent for those recorded by the Milwaukee Health Department. By the end of 2002, this grant program hopes to increase and maintain the immunization coverage of targeted children, age birth to 24 months, by 15 percent.

The project's focus is to establish and maintain a relationship with Community Advocates and the Protect all Kids Coalition to provide educational opportunities to daycares, WIC sites and schools related to vaccine preventable diseases. In addition, a media campaign will be funded. Using this approach, the program aims to decrease morbidity and increase the number of healthy preschoolers protected against vaccine preventable diseases entering the school system.

The requested grant amount is \$101,912, with no city match required. The grant period is from January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE COMMON COUNCIL FILE NO. 011686 WHICH AUTHORIZES THE MILWAUKEE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY, ACCEPT AND FUND THE TANF GRANT OFFERED BY THE WI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES.


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