

**GRANT ANALYSIS FORM
OPERATING & CAPITAL GRANT PROJECTS/PROGRAMS**

Department/Division: Library Board

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Category of Request

New Grant

Grant Continuation

Change in Previously Approved Grant

Previous Council File No.

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Project/Program Title: Milwaukee Road Collection Processing

Grantor Agency: National Railway Historical Society

Grant Application Date: April 30, 2003

Anticipated Award Date: June 2003

Please provide the following information:

1. Description of Grant Project/Program (Include Target Locations and Populations):

With the cooperation of the co-applicant, Milwaukee Road Historical Association (MRHA), the processing of the archives of the Milwaukee Road Railroad, a special collection of the Library will be accelerated by the hiring of graduate students from the Library Science/Archives Program at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. A wide variety of patrons in Milwaukee and elsewhere use the collection.

2. Relationship to City-wide Strategic Goals and Departmental Objectives:

The Library has been processing the archives with the help of the MRHA for 20 years. The Milwaukee Road is an integral part of Milwaukee history. Meets Library goal to coordinate a grant writing program to identify, apply for, implement and track grant money to enhance collections, equipment and services. Also meets Library goal to develop nontraditional sources of revenue. Meets City goal: the "value" of Milwaukee includes the "connectedness" of its people, and the City self vision encompasses "a flourishing culture recognized for its arts and museums." This last implies a cherishing of the Milwaukee past and its relevancy for now and the future. Historically, no other private business has had as much impact over so long a period of time than the Milwaukee Road. The people of Milwaukee are connected to the Milwaukee Road, and become more so as the tie is recognized. The grant is a means of doing this.

3. Need for Grant Funds and Impact on Other Departmental Operations (Applies only to Programs):

Searching a partly processed collection leads to a high percentage of incomplete research.

4. Results Measurement/Progress Report (Applies only to Programs):

5. Grant Period, Timetable and Program Phase-out Plan:

April 2003 – Application

September 2003 – Receipt of grant money

Late September 2003 – Hiring of student processing, supervised by MRHA processors (Christmas 2003, Spring 2004, one week recess each)

August 2004 – Project ends

6. Provide a List of Subgrantees:

7. If Possible, Complete Grant Budget Form and Attach to Back.