

Reply to Common Council File No. 001661

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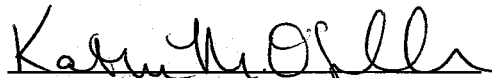
Common Council File 001661 is a resolution from the Milwaukee Health Department relative to the application, acceptance, and funding of the Medical Assistance Outreach Grant. The State of Wisconsin Division of Health and Family Services funds this grant. The purpose of this grant is to identify individuals in Milwaukee who are lacking in health insurance and to assist them in enrolling in programs for which they are eligible. Funds from this grant are to be used to increase the enrollment of eligible families in both Healthy Start and BadgerCare in Milwaukee. In addition, funds will be used to continue to expand the collaborative effort for outreach and education on available health benefits and enrollment.

In 2000, Common Council file 991652 authorized the Milwaukee Health Department to enter into the Consolidated Contract with the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services. Although the contract was entered into with the State of Wisconsin, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services provided direct funding. This grant took six existing grants, Immunization Action Plan, Adolescent School Health (formerly Prenatal Education and Assessment Program), Cancer Control Coordination (formerly Breast Cancer Awareness – Site Coordination), Preventive Health (formerly Prevention Block Grant – Cardiovascular Risk Reduction), Childhood Lead Detection and Medical Assistance Outreach, and combined them into one contract. However, each of these programs retained their separate objectives and accounts to monitor performance and expenditures. In 2001, an administrative change has resulted in the funding for the Medical Assistance Outreach Grant to be split from the Consolidated Contract.

In 2001, the Milwaukee Health Department will identify 1,200 low-income families raising young children lacking important services such as food stamps, WIC heat assistance, childcare assistance or other services, and evaluate eligibility, refer, or troubleshoot their involvement in these programs as well as staff the BadgerCare Coordinating Committee.

In the 2001 grant year, the grantor will provide \$138,933. This grant provides funding for three existing positions as well as various operating expenditures. The grant year is from January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001.

**RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE COMMON COUNCIL FILE 001661 WHICH AUTHORIZES THE MILWAUKEE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY, ACCEPT, AND FUND THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE OUTREACH GRANT.**

  
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