

Reply to Common Council File No. 031496
From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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Common Council File No. 031496 is a resolution to amend Common Council File No. 021280, regarding the acceptance and funding of the Interlibrary Services Grant offered by the State of Wisconsin, Department of Public Instruction and the Milwaukee County Federated Library System.

The deficit faced in the preparation of the State of Wisconsin's 2003-2005 Biennial Budget required the Department of Public Instruction to make significant reductions in its budget. As a result, this program was targeted for elimination statewide to meet their budget cut. Earlier in 2003, the Library received notification that the state had shifted enough funding to restore this program to the Milwaukee Public Library on a limited basis.

At the original level of funding, MPL was able to request materials for its patrons from other libraries across the nation, as well as sending them out. The level of funding approved in the previous file only covered the cost of receiving, retrieving, and distributing a limited number of requests from state residents for library materials from MPL and did not provide for Milwaukee patrons to receive materials from other library entities. This latest revision now allows Milwaukee Public Library patrons to request materials from other libraries within the State of Wisconsin if they are unavailable in Milwaukee County library collections.

The total Interlibrary Services Grant award was increased from \$36,000 to \$66,000. The grant period extends from January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004.

**RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE COMMON COUNCIL FILE NO. 031496
WHICH AUTHORIZES THE MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY TO ACCEPT
AND FUND THE INCREASED FUNDING LEVEL FOR THE INTERLIBRARY
SERVICES GRANT.**



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