

Reply to Common Council File No. 020827

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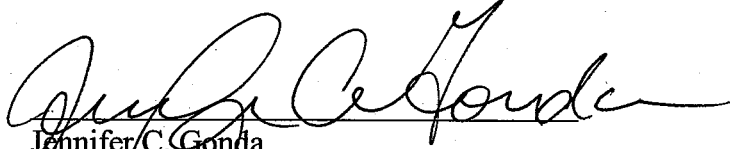
Common Council File No. 020827 is a resolution from the Health Department relative to the application, acceptance and funding of the SURVNET grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services. The SURVNET grant provides funding to maintain a county-wide system for tracking communicable disease.

Local Health Departments are required by the State of Wisconsin and Centers for Disease Control to report all communicable disease incidence within their city limits. The department has been receiving this grant to centralize this function for the entire county in 1997. Prior to developing the SURVNET system, providers would often mistakenly call the Health Department to report communicable diseases when the call should have gone to another jurisdiction.

The reporting network also makes disease trend analysis and other epidemiological investigation possible through data collection. This monitoring allows the department to detect unusual disease occurrence or outbreaks in a rapid manner to minimize the number of new cases.

The SURVNET grant is in the amount \$50,000 and does not require a city match. It funds an Office Assistant III position that performs data entry of communicable disease reports from various jurisdictions in Milwaukee County. The grant period is from July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE COMMON COUNCIL FILE NUMBER 020827 WHICH AUTHORIZES THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY, ACCEPT, AND FUND THE SURVNET GRANT OFFERED BY THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL.


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