Reply to Common Council File No. 020824

From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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Common Council File No. 020824 is a resolution relative to application, acceptance and funding of the Federal Income Maintenance Grant from Community Advocates through the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services. This new grant covers part of the City's costs related to the Medical Assistance Outreach Program that works to enroll city residents in public entitlement programs such as Medicaid, BadgerCare, Food Stamps and WIC.

The goals of this grant program directly support the City's strategic goal to improve public heath and the Health Department's goal to promote healthy behaviors and access to health service in Milwaukee. The Health Department will use this funding to support its efforts to identify low income families raising young children who lack essential services such as health insurance, heat, childcare or appropriate nutrition. In 2001, an estimated 10 percent of city residents had no health insurance. Acceptance of this grant will help reduce the number of uninsured individuals and families in Milwaukee.

The grant is in the amount of \$47,407 and requires an in-kind city contribution from existing staff of \$47,407. The grant period is from July 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE COMMON COUNCIL FILE NO. 020824 WHICH ALLOWS THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY, ACCEPT AND FUND THE IMCOME MAINTENANCE GRANT PROJECT FROM THE CENTERS FOR MEDICAID AND MEDICARE SERVICES.

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