Reply to Common Council File No. 030392

From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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Common Council file 030392 is a resolution amending the Pilot Ordinance Evaluation Grant as originally approved in Common Council File 991056. This represents an increase in a grant awarded in 1999 that has provided grantor share funding totaling $427,934 to evaluate the feasibility, costs and effectiveness of the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Pilot Program. This file increases the grantor share for the program by $111,196 and extends the grant activity for an additional 9 months. As a result, approval by the Common Council is requested to amend the 2003 Positions Ordinance to eliminate one Health Assistant II (0.5 FTE) (D) (X), one Health Assistant II (X) (H), and create one Health Assistant II (D) (H) (X), to allow the use of Lead Reduction Grant funding for the full time Health Assistant II position.

The Health Department's Lead Program is recognized as one of the most comprehensive control efforts in the United States. This program has resulted in significant reductions to incidences of high lead levels in Milwaukee's children, reducing the percent of children tested who are found to have high lead levels in their blood from 40 percent in 1995 to 16 percent in 2001. This grant funds the evaluation of the feasibility, costs, and effectiveness of the Pilot Project for Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control in residential property through a community-based screening and prospective study. The study will allow the City of Milwaukee to evaluate the impact of the Lead Based Paint Hazard Control initiative on community blood lead levels. Incidence rates of childhood lead poisoning in target areas of the City of Milwaukee will be compared to those in control neighborhoods not covered by the Pilot Ordinance. Blood levels of individual children in abated homes in the target areas will also be tracked to asses the protectiveness of the housing standard.

The Pilot Ordinance Evaluation Grant expires 3/31/04.

The fiscal impact of this file is an increase of $111,196 from the grantor over the grant period.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE COMMON COUNCIL FILE 030392 WHICH AMENDS THE PILOT ORDINANCE EVALUATION GRANT.

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