

7.C Acceptance of the Safe-Lifting Grant – (Action)
(Approve Recommendation from Finance Committee)

In the spring of 2006, the Department of Workforce Development initiated a request for applications for a new Safe-Lifting Initiative for healthcare providers. The purpose of the grant was to provide matching funds for the purchase of new lifting devices, and to assist in the training of staff on the use of all types of safe-lifting equipment.

SWWDB Board submitted six applications for healthcare providers in our WDA, and was successful in gaining funding for one of the applications for \$20,000. These funds will specifically support a project proposed by Mercy Health Systems.

While award of the grant has been discussed previously, receipt of the grant needs to be approved to be included in the 2006-07 budget. The Finance Committee recommends acceptance of the Safe-Lifting Grant in the amount of \$20,000.

Board action on the recommendation is requested.