Council Unit Backs Medical School Study

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$6,500 Approved To Survey Chances Of TU Institution

A $6,500 appropriation for further study on establishing a medical school in Toledo was approved today, 7 to 2, by City Council's committee of the whole.

Mayor Damas sought the grant at the request of the committee he appointed last fall to study feasibility of a medical school at the University of Toledo.

The mayor said financial support for the study should come from council as an indication that local government and the community are interested in the potentialities for a medical school.

The committee wants to hire a consultant to cover various items, including evaluation of existing medical facilities, potential sources of patients and students, faculty recruitment and its relation to TU, and development of a rationale for requesting funds from governmental agencies.

After preliminary investigations, the committee sought $10,000, but the mayor said discussions with study committee members showed they are concerned about the city's tight budget and believe the $6,500 will be a satisfactory minimum.

Requesting the grant, Dr. Frank F. A. Rawling, study committee chairman, said in a letter to the mayor that the consultants would provide only basic information. If this study indicates feasibility of a medical school, he added, further studies would be necessary to carry the recommendation onward.

Voting against the appropriation were Councilmen John Yager and Howard Cook, both of whom said TU should pay the bill. Also, Mr. Cook feared any study will be obsolete by the time anything is done to implement it. Mr. Yager said the grant question should be given further study.