

LRB – RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
FILE #090876**

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File #090876 authorizes the Milwaukee Police Department to apply for, accept and fund an Alcohol Enforcement Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation – Bureau of Transportation Safety in the amount of \$50,000. Proceeds will be used to fund police overtime costs, and necessary equipment, relating to continued efforts to adopt a zero tolerance for motor vehicle operators under the influence of an intoxicant or controlled substance. The 100% donor funded grant is for the period October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010.

BACKGROUND

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation – Bureau of Transportation Safety makes various grants available to law enforcement agencies for initiatives that promote and encourage safe driving.

The City has been receiving Alcohol Enforcement project grants since 2003. Typically, the dollar amount of these grants did not exceed \$20,000, negating the need for Common Council action. As the chart below indicates, recent grants have increased in award size and required no city participation – indicative of increased state emphasis on a zero tolerance policy for impaired drivers.

<i>File</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Grantor Share</i>	<i>City Share</i>	<i>Total</i>
#071315	10/01/07 – 9/30/08	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000
#081169	10/01/08 – 9/30/09	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000

DISCUSSION

Application and coordination of the Alcohol Enforcement Grant initiative is done within the Neighborhood Task Force. Utilizing primarily the Motorcycle Unit, a concerted effort is made to identify and cite motor vehicle operators driving under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance. Per grant requirements, this initiative is specifically undertaken between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. The following table provides recent activity statistics for this enforcement initiative.

GRANT FUNDED OWI CITATION HISTORY

	10/01/07 – 9/30/08	10/01/08 – 9/30/09
OWI Citations	74	54

This file authorizes acceptance and funding of the continuing Alcohol Enforcement Grant for the period October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010. Proceeds in the amount of \$50,000 represent a \$20,000 increase (67%) from prior year overtime funding for this initiative.

FISCAL IMPACT

Acceptance of this grant requires no city participation and has no impact on the tax levy.

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