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The Honorable Members of the Common Council
200 East Wells Street, Room 202
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RE: 2019 Asset Forfeiture Plan

Dear Council Members:

Pursuant to Common Council File #920252, the Milwaukee Police Department submits an annual report on anticipated receipt of federally seized forfeiture funds for the next calendar year, together with a plan that includes priorities for the expenditure of such funds.

As of June 13, 2019, the Asset Forfeiture account balance was \$1,859,917.82. Cash receipts of the fund are subject to many variables, among them the uncertainty of whether the Department will receive funds, the exact share of any seized assets the Department will be awarded, and the effects of changes in the Federal guidelines for this program.

In order to enhance the safety of the community and enable the Police Department to increase its effectiveness and efficiency, this plan includes the following items. Historically, funding of these items has been based on the ever-changing needs of the Department throughout the fiscal year.

1. Patrol and Administrative Bureau Equipment **\$185,000**

This category accounts for various equipment specific to the patrol and administrative bureau equipment needs. It includes bicycle equipment, dive equipment, speed board subscriptions, a projector, an additional ShotSpotter camera, Specialized Patrol Division firearms and helmets, MIRT equipment (helmets, OC spray, munition), and an x-ray scanner for central booking.

2. Training **\$245,000**

Training and education increases police officers' effectiveness in their current assignments and prepares them for new assignments and increased responsibility. Training includes a training budget for each Bureau, the Office of the Chief and the Training Division (police academy), as well as a Fair and Impartial Training trainer and funding to send members to polygraph school.

3. Bomb Squad Equipment \$205,000

This money will be used to purchase a cutaway van for bomb squad as well as two bomb suits (including suit, helmet, battery, battery housing and foot protection).

4. Vehicles \$75,000

This money will be used to purchase a fire investigation unit vehicle. The current vehicles assigned to the Fire Investigation Unit do not allow for the separate storage of tools, contaminated turnout gear and arson evidence. The balance will be used for the lease of 4-5 vehicles used in undercover operations.

5. Neighborhood Initiatives \$35,000

This money will be used toward neighborhood initiatives divided among the seven police districts. The neighborhood initiative expenditures were derived from feedback provided by the citizens in those neighborhoods that is permissible under federal asset forfeiture regulations. Requests include: books, bicycles (police and youth), interpretation services, speed boards, sports cards, school supplies, neighborhood watch signage, event tents and cameras.

6. Public Information Office \$20,000

This money will be used for various marketing and communications equipment (e.g. cameras, lighting, and microphones), four MPD backdrops, and funding for marketing campaign(s).

7. OMAP Technology and Office Equipment \$40,000

This money will be used for analytics software, hardware and other equipment for the Office of Management and Planning.

8. Forensics Technology \$115,000

This money will be used to purchase a tool that is used to collect DNA from textured, porous/rough surfaces or other surface areas that traditional collection methods may miss. It can also be used on an item of evidence after traditional methods have been used to collect DNA material and can still result in a usable profile. Cost includes a budget for samples. Samples would initially be used for homicides and cold cases. It will also be used to purchase a scanning total station for forensics users. Cost includes the 3D scanner and the cost to certify an MPD trainer.

9. Explorer and Auxiliary Programs \$40,000

Provides new uniforms to expand Explorers program (currently have 25) and Auxiliary program (currently have 40). Both programs are looking to expand but are limited by the amount of uniforms available. Would double the capacity for both programs.

10. Administrative and Miscellaneous Expenses for Command \$50,000

This category accounts for on-going various small dollar purchases for each Command in addition to expenses incurred in the seizure of vehicles or other non-monetary property. The U.S. Marshall's Office recovers its administrative expenses from the value of cash and assets seized. For cash awards, the Police Department receives an amount net of the federal government's legal costs and other expenses. However, the Police Department must make direct payments to offset expenses incurred in the seizure of vehicles or other

non-monetary property. Payment of these fees allows continued participation in this program.

This plan may be revised, pursuant to the provisions of Common Council File No. 920252, in the event of a change in the Department's needs or priorities.

Sincerely,



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