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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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File # 050729 is a communication from the Milwaukee Police Department transmitting a report relative to the expenditure of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Group Asset Forfeiture Fund.

Background

1. Resolution # 041600 provided authorization to the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) to accept tangible property or cash from the federal government when the police department participates directly in the seizure of forfeiting of such property.
2. The purpose of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Drug Enforcement project is to reduce the volume of controlled substances in the Milwaukee area through the prevention and suppression of illegal drug activity.

Discussion

1. This communication details the anticipated expenditures from the Milwaukee Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Group Asset Forfeiture Fund for 2005.
2. MPD has been selected to manage the account associated with the forfeiture of funds and property related to these enforcement activities. Monies will pass through this account and be disbursed to the appropriate law enforcement agencies, including MPD.
3. The fund that is created is similar in design and purpose to the MPD Asset Forfeiture Fund.
4. Federal guidelines established by the U.S. Attorney General will provide for the equitable transfer of the cash and forfeited property to the law enforcement agency that participated in the enforcement activities.
5. These federal guidelines further provide that property and cash will be transferred to the budget of the local law enforcement agency and where this transfer will result in an increase in law enforcement resources.

Fiscal Effect

1. There is no fiscal effect associated with this communication.

2. This communication details \$128,400 in approved disbursements from the Milwaukee Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Group Executive Committee, the largest portion, \$108,000, for overtime reimbursement for group member operations.

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