

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU FISCAL ANALYSIS

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
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Item 10, File #101265**

File Number 101265 is a resolution authorizing the Police Department to apply for, accept and fund the 2011 High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area project awards.

Background

1. The mission of the national High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (“HIDTA”) program is to disrupt the market for illegal drugs in the United States by assisting participating federal, state and local law enforcement entities in dismantling and disrupting drug trafficking organizations, with particular emphasis on drug-trafficking regions that have harmful effects on other parts of the nation. HIDTA is coordinated and funded by the Office of National Drug Control Policy, a component of the Executive Office of the President.
2. The Milwaukee HIDTA region consists of 4 southeastern Wisconsin counties – Milwaukee, Kenosha, Racine and Waukesha. The combination of rural, suburban and urban areas within this region, interstate highway access and proximity to Chicago make the region an ideal location for the smuggling, transporting, distribution and consumption of illegal drugs.
3. Through multi-jurisdictional cooperation and enhanced intelligence processes, the Milwaukee HIDTA program strives to substantially reduce organized drug distribution, drug-related violent crime and money laundering, and the demand for illegal drugs in the Milwaukee HIDTA region.
4. The Milwaukee Police Department has been receiving federal HIDTA funding for several years. Funding is used for salary and overtime expenses for MPD personnel assigned to 4 task forces and for the purchase of related services and equipment. The 4 task forces that receive HIDTA funding are:
 - Fugitive Task Force
 - Intelligence & Technical Support Center
 - Joint Drug Gang Task Force
 - Regional Enforcement Activity for Current Threats
5. In the 2010 grant year, the City was awarded \$816,436 from the Office of National Drug Control Policy. This funding was used to fund salaries and fringe benefits for 16 MPD positions, as well as for police overtime, PEPI (expenses related to undercover operations) and the leasing and purchase of MPD vehicles.

Discussion

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Police Department to apply for, accept and fund \$837,800 in 2011 High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program funding from the Office of National Drug Control Policy.
2. The total cost of this grant-funded project is \$2,004,485, of which \$837,800 (42%) will be provided by the grantor and \$1,166,685 (58%) will be provided by the City. The City’s contribution will be an in-kind share of various salary and fringe-benefit costs.

3. The detailed budget for the 2011 HIDTA funding is as follows:

Description	Grantor Share	City Share	Total
<i>Fugitive Task Force</i>			
Police officer (1) – salary and fringes	\$21,676	\$68,111	\$89,787
Overtime	13,500	0	13,500
PEPI	2,500	0	2,500
<i>Intelligence & Technical Support Center</i>			
Police officer (1) – salary and fringes	21,676	68,111	89,787
Overtime	13,500	0	13,500
<i>Regional Enforcement Activity for Current Threats</i>			
Detectives (4) – salary and fringes	96,168	304,317	400,485
Overtime	54,000	0	54,000
<i>Joint Drug Gang Task Force</i>			
Lieutenant (1), detectives (7) and police officers (2) – salary and fringes	271,780	726,146	997,926
Overtime	243,000	0	243,000
PEPI	50,000	0	50,000
Purchase of 2 undercover vehicles	50,000	0	50,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$837,800	\$1,166,685	\$2,004,485

4. The grant period for the HIDTA project extends from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.

Fiscal Impact

1. Adoption of this resolution will allow the City to accept and expend \$837,800 in federal grant funding for the HIDTA project.
2. Adoption of this resolution also commits the City to expending \$1,166,685 in tax-levy funding for the City share of salaries and benefits of the HIDTA-funded positions. This funding was included in the adopted 2011 City Budget.

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