Reply to Common Council File No. 021184

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Common Council File 021184 contains a resolution relative to Milwaukee Police Department's application, acceptance, and funding of the continuing Milwaukee Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Grant (MMDEG). The grantor is comprised of the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance from the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance and the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, and Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department.

The MMDEG is a drug investigation task force made up of the Milwaukee Police Department, the County Sheriff, and several suburban police departments. Occasionally, the task force seizes assets through the Federal Equitable Sharing Program. The cooperative agreement among MMDEG participating agencies provides that most of the seized assets be contributed back to the participating agencies, proportional to their level of commitment to the task force.

The operation of this grant project from January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003 would cost \$202,835 of which, the grantor would provide \$103,354 (51%) and the City would provide \$99,481 (49%). This grant partially funds two Police Officer salaries, fringes, overtime, and indirect costs. In previous years, the grant also funded three Office Assistant II positions. The County Sheriff's Department has decided not to fund these positions in 2003, which as been reflected in the 2003 budget.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE THE RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO THE MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S APPLICATION, ACCEPTANCE, AND FUNDING OF A MILWAUKEE METROPOLITIAN DRUG ENFORCEMENT GRANT.

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