



Police Department

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The Honorable Members of the Common Council  
200 East Wells Street, Room 202  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

RE: 2012 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 July 2, 2012, the Asset Forfeiture account balance was \$1,105,715.68. 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 through out the fiscal year.

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| <b>1.</b>   | <b>Administrative Fees</b> | <b>\$9,500</b>  |
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| 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. |                            |                 |
| <b>2.</b>   | <b>Bicycle Patrol</b>      | <b>\$53,000</b> |
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| The bicycle program augments the beat program and park and walk programs. The bicycle program allows police officers to have closer contact with the public, engage in crime control and prevention activities and yet have the capability of quickly responding to emergency calls for service in the assigned patrol areas. These funds will provide new lighting systems and replacement equipment for the bicycle patrol.                             |                            |                 |

- 3. Canine Unit** **\$5,000**  
This funds the food, medical care and boarding for three drug-interdiction canines. Without funding, the Department will be less effective in drug interdiction and subsequently less successful in its attempts to secure federally seized forfeiture funds.
- 4. Cellular Phones** **\$25,000**  
These funds continue support for cellular telephones for field officers and investigative personnel assigned to field activities, permitting them to call citizens about service requests and investigations.
- 5. Digital Radio Communications Equipment** **\$275,000**  
The department will use these funds to purchase digital radio system infrastructure equipment and facilities to enhance the digital radio system and facilitate police vehicle setup.
- 6. Investigative Equipment** **\$70,000**  
These funds will provide equipment to enhance investigative capabilities including an additional forensic video workstation, forensic digital recorders, a state of the art polygraph system, crash reconstruction unit equipment and homicide investigative equipment.
- 7. Facilities Improvements** **\$220,000**  
This category funds improvements to department facilities including a new Police Academy computer lab and District 1 relocation planning.
- 8. Tactical Equipment** **\$60,000**  
The Department's officers respond to many high risk calls. These funds will provide for an additional 40 electronic control devices ("Tasers") to provide a less than lethal option to be used in certain circumstances to diffuse highly volatile and dangerous situations.
- 9. Technology Services** **\$100,000**  
This funding will provide professional services to implement a new employee performance evaluation system.
- 10. Technology Upgrade** **\$48,000**  
The department will use these funds to upgrade the radio logger system which records all radio transmissions. The upgrade is needed to be compatible with new radio system software.
- 11. Training** **\$100,000**  
Training and education increases police officers' effectiveness in their current assignments and prepares them for new assignments and increased responsibility.
- 12. Uniform Outer Vest Body Armor Carriers** **\$140,000**

This funding will provide a new configuration of body armor carrier to all uniformed members engaged in patrol duties or similar functions.

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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