



Police Department

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Chief of Police

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

RE: 2015 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 September 23, 2015, the Asset Forfeiture account balance was \$1,143,485.85. 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.

1. Taser Lease and Expansion \$257,000

These funds will cover the 4th year of the original lease of 130 tasers and the purchase of an additional 150 Tasers.

2. Replace Generator at District 4 \$120,000

These funds will be used to replace the generator at District 4. The current generator, which is original to the building in 1965, has developed repair issues that have necessitated its immediate replacement.

3. Travel/Training \$110,000

Training and education increases police officers' effectiveness in their current assignments and prepares them for new assignments and increased responsibility.

4. AFIS (Automated Fingerprint ID System) Upgrade **\$16,000**

This upgrade is needed as our current Morphotrak System is nearing its storage capacity.

5. Bicycle Patrol **\$15,000**

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.

6. 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.

7. Canine Unit **\$6,000**

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.

8. Administrative and Miscellaneous Expenses for Command **\$90,000**

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,



EDWARD A. FLYNN
CHIEF OF POLICE