

LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 7, FILE # 011679

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File # 011679 is a resolution relative to acceptance and funding of a Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant.

Background

1. This resolution authorizes application, acceptance and expenditure of a fourth Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant (JAIBG) by the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) from the State of Wisconsin – Department of Justice, Office of Justice Assistance.
2. JAIBG is a federal program that was created by the United States Congress in 1998 to promote greater accountability in the juvenile justice system. Funding is provided to the states for the improvement of policies, programs and administrative systems that foster the creation of safe communities and reduce the incidence and negative consequences of juvenile crime and delinquency.
3. This is a continuing grant.

Discussion

1. MPD plans to use these funds in order to continue to update the department's mobile communication abilities. MPD intends to replace its older generation mobile radios with digital mobile radios. These radios will interface with the mobile data computers and be capable of data transmission.
2. MPD's current mobile radios will no longer be Federal Communications' Commission (FCC) compliant after 2005 as digital communication capabilities will be required.
3. The unit cost of these mobile, digital transmissions radios is \$4,750. Approximately 172 radios will be able to be purchased.
4. This grant encompasses the period of June 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003.

Fiscal Impact

1. The total funding of this grant is \$907,797 with \$817,017 (90%) provided by the grantor and \$90,780 (10%) provided by the city.

2. MPD will fund the city share from its operating budget and will cover the costs of installation of the radio units.

Further Information

MPD seeks approval from the State of Wisconsin in order to use JAIBG money for these equipment needs. As approximately 20%-25% of arrests are juveniles, the purchase and use of this technology expedites juvenile processing and the actual amount of time that detained juveniles remain in police custody.

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