

LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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File # 021181 is a communication from the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) reporting on contributions received from federally forfeited tangible property or cash for increased or enhanced law enforcement efforts and the department's anticipated expenditures of these funds.

Background

1. This communication reports the anticipated expenditure of \$379,300 to fund items included in the approved 2003 Asset Forfeiture Plan.
2. Common Council File # 920252 requires Common Council authorization for the Milwaukee Police Department to expend money from its Asset Forfeiture Funds.
3. In 2002, approximately \$144,500 was spent from the Asset Forfeiture Fund. Funds available from this account historically average up to \$300,000 per year.
4. The Asset Forfeiture Fund Account is replenished on a periodic basis, throughout the year, as the U.S. Department of the Treasury forwards funds to MPD.

Discussion

1. The Milwaukee Police Department is reporting the anticipated receipt of **\$379,300** for the 2002 Asset Forfeiture Fund Account and is submitting its plans for the expenditure of these funds.
2. The asset forfeiture program funds a mix of new and continuing items and programs.
3. The following items and programs are included for the anticipated funding:
 - **Administrative Fees** (for participation in property seizure program) \$ 10,000
 - **Auto Track Fees** (data tracking) 14,400
 - **Boat Motor Replacement** 15,000
 - **Bomb Suits** (1) 20,000
 - **Repairs to Bomb Robot** 20,000
 - **Canine Units** (for drug interdiction)
Boarding, food and medical care 10,000
 - **Confiscated Auto Storage** 2,000
 - **Underwater Video Camera** 16,000

• GPS for Boat	1,000
• Homicide Unit Equipment	4,000
• MDT Maintenance Fees (Mobile Data Terminals)	\$ 2,500
• Mounted Patrol Unit -Cost of leasing five horses	100,000
• Training Audio Visual Equipment	15,000
• Raid Jackets	1,500
• Recruit Training Upgrades	6,000
• Surveillance Equipment	46,000
• TEU Supplies (Tactical)	4,000
• Vehicles and Related Equipment (For undercover)	75,000
• Vice Surveillance Equipment Maintenance	3,500
• Inflatable Boat and Equipment	13,400
	\$ 379,300

Fiscal Impact

1. The expenditures detailed in this communication will leave an approximate balance of \$20,096.01 in the Asset Forfeiture Trust Account.
2. These expenditures do not have a fiscal impact upon the city.

Further Information

1. The 2003 Asset Forfeiture Plan provides information on funding for items totaling \$379,300. Revisions to this plan occur as needs or priorities of MPD change.
2. MPD issues a separate communication detailing the actual expenditures from the previous year's Asset Forfeiture Fund.

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