

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU FISCAL ANALYSIS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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File #091468 is a resolution relative to the application, acceptance and funding of the 2010-2011 U.S. Department of Justice Weed and Seed grant – Historic Clarke Square.

Background

1. The Weed and Seed program is a U.S. Department of Justice community-based initiative. This program utilizes a multi-agency approach to law enforcement, crime prevention and community revitalization. The strategy involves a two-pronged approach: law enforcement agencies and prosecutors cooperate in "weeding out" violent criminals and drug abusers and public agencies and community-based private organizations collaborate to "seed" much-needed human services, including prevention, intervention, treatment, and neighborhood restoration programs. A community-oriented policing component bridges the weeding and seeding elements.
2. The City of Milwaukee has participated in the Weed and Seed program since 1994 when funding was received by the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) to participate in Weed and Seed Activities on the north side of Milwaukee.
3. This is a continuing grant. The grant funds will be received by the city and disbursed to the Weed and Seed – Historic Clarke Square Program.

Discussion

1. This grant will authorize the application, acceptance and funding of the U.S. Department of Justice Weed and Seed Grant-Historic Clarke Square for \$150,00 and continuing authorization of the Block Grant Director of the Community Development Grants Administration (CDGA) to administer these funds.
2. The community development component of the Weed and Seed grants will be managed by Journey House.
3. The Weed & Seed program provides after-school, weekend and summer activities for pre-teens and teens and offers alternatives for youth away from the negative activity of city streets.
4. This grant encompasses the period of October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011.

Fiscal Impact

1. The total amount of this grant is \$200,000.
2. \$75,000 of these grant funds will be budgeted for MPD participation in the law enforcement ("weed") component of the grant.
3. \$75,000, the community ("seed") portion of this grant will be allocated by the CDGA to Journey House, through established pass-through procedures and after the receipt of these funds from the U.S, Department of Justice.
4. \$50,000, represents an "In-Kind" city share of the grant relating to the personnel costs associated with the grant monitoring.

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