



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: 2013 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 June 26, 2013, the Asset Forfeiture account balance was \$922,099.55. 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. Mobile Surveillance Trailers \$126,800

The WANCO Mobile Surveillance Camera Units will provide MPD with quick and easy surveillance capabilities for events such as Summerfest Ground Festivals, Harley-Davidson Birthday Party, and any other event throughout Milwaukee. MPD will be able to deploy Video Surveillance in virtually any scenario for short or long term needs. Versatile pan-tilt-zoom cameras and an integrated digital video recorder make site monitoring easy and efficient. These Surveillance Units can be deployed in minutes while providing access to video cameras and sensing devices remotely in real time.

2. VTAC Digital Radios-School Squad Cars \$144,000

The VTAC Digital Radios within School Squad Cars is required for improved In-Building Coverage at schools that includes: Bradley Tech High School, South Division High School, Washington High School, North Division High School, Marquette University High School, Vincent High School, Roosevelt Middle School, Rufus King High School, Bayview High School, Pulaski High School, Hamilton High School, Custer High School, and Marshall High School.

3. Surveillance Cameras/Equipment \$100,000

These funds will contribute \$100,000 as part of a \$200,000 matching CDBG grant for new surveillance cameras in commercial corridors in the City.

4. Vests & Helmets \$47,823

Included in this category are helmets for the MPD Motorcycle Unit. The purchase of these helmet communication units with push-to-talk handlebar buttons will decrease the need for removing hands from the handlebar control and therefore increase the efficiency of the officer and increase officer safety. In addition, the MPD will be buying additional ballistic tactical helmets and vests for the Narcotics Section.

5. Tasers \$38,324

These funds will be used for the 1st year of a 5-year plan to replace/upgrade the Departments TASER Model X26 inventory which has become aged and are in need of replacement.

6. Speed Boards w/Trailers \$27,700

Speed boards provide the MPD with the opportunity to calm traffic and educate the motoring public without dedicating a police officer. The speed boards also collect important data which is used to determine where traffic enforcement zones need to be created

7. Information Technology \$188,000

The funds will be used for various IT Projects within the Department including the replacement of 2 servers (IT) and 2 scanners (Central Records), laptop computers (Inspections), and equipment to test Body camera use by officers (IT).

8. Replace Sanitary Pump at District 5 \$18,000

This work is needed to make repairs/replace the Sanitary Pump at District 5.

9. Training \$110,000

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

10. Bicycle Patrol \$10,000

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.

11. 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.

12. 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.

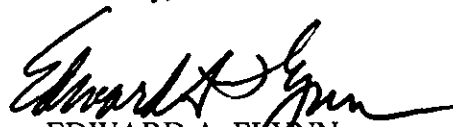
13. Administrative and Miscellaneous

\$60,000

This category accounts for on-going various small dollar purchases 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,



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