

LRB – RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
ITEM 14, FILE #080628**

SEPTEMBER 4, 2008

File #080628 authorizes the Milwaukee Police Department to apply for, accept and fund a 2008 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$216,275. Grant proceeds will be used to purchase Traffic and Criminal Software (“TraCS”) and Mobile Digital Video recorders (“MDVR”). This 4-year, 100% donor funded, continuing grant runs from October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2012.

BACKGROUND

Prior to the 2004-2005 federal fiscal year, Local Law Enforcement Block Grants were used by the Milwaukee Police Department to purchase various equipment that served the law enforcement objective.

Beginning in 2005, Justice Assistance Grants from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, replaced the Local Law Enforcement Bloc Grant program.

File #050857 authorized the Milwaukee Police Department to accept and fund their first Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$410,650. Grant proceeds were used to purchase computer equipment in the amount of \$306,000 and cameras and support software for 5 conveyance vehicles in the amount of \$104,650. This grant program ran from October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2008.

DISCUSSION

\$167,575 in grant proceeds will be used to purchase Mobile Digital Video Recorders and \$48,700 will be used to purchase Traffic and Criminal Software.

FISCAL IMPACT

Milwaukee County Department of Administrative Services will be the fiscal agent for the grant. There is no impact on the City tax levy.

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