

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM



Date: November 13, 2025

TO: Ald. Scott Spiker, Chair, Public Safety & Health Committee

CC: Public Safety & Health Committee Members

FR: Petra Duecker, Milwaukee Police Department

RE: Follow Up on File 251130

The Wisconsin Department of Justice has awarded the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) grant funds to support beat patrol work in the City of Milwaukee since 1999. The grant award amount for the last seven years has been \$126,714 with a required match of \$42,238. If accepted, the 2026 grant would provide funding in the same amount.

Beat patrol work takes place across every MPD district. Historically, MPD has always requested that this grant go toward offsetting the cost of beat patrol work in District 2. The specific beat is located primarily along Greenfield Avenue with additional patrols on National Avenue, Mitchell Street, Lincoln Avenue, Cesar E. Chavez Drive, and Muskego Avenue. What follows are the main factors contributing to that decision:

- Beat patrol is a particularly effective approach toward combating the types of crime that are most prevalent in District 2, including prostitution, armed robbery, drug trafficking, and other quality of life related crimes;
- The geographical area covered in the grant-funded beat is both densely populated and highly walkable. This geography lends itself well to beat patrol work;
- Consistency is a critical component of effective beat patrol, allowing for officers working the beat to get to know residents and maintain ongoing relationships with businesses leaders in the area. Continuing grant support from the Wisconsin Department of Justice has allowed MPD to ensure that there is consistent coverage for the Greenfield beat; and
- Historically, the communities in District 2 have a uniquely strong, trust-based relationship with MPD that enhances the effectiveness of beat patrol deployment.