

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU FISCAL ANALYSIS

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 17, 2011
Item 11, File #101264**

File Number 101264 is a resolution authorizing the Police Department to accept and expend \$189,700 in Milwaukee Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, with a City match of \$117,700.

Background

1. The Milwaukee Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Grant (“MMDEG”) funds police positions that participate in a multi-jurisdictional task force that aims to prevent and suppress illegal drug activity in the greater Milwaukee area. While MMDEG funding comes from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, the program is administered by the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance and the Milwaukee County District Attorney’s Office.
2. Current participants in the MMDEG project include the City of Milwaukee, the Milwaukee County District Attorney’s Office and the cities of South Milwaukee and West Allis.
3. The Milwaukee Police Department has been receiving MMDEG funding for several years. Since 2006, the MMDEG has been used to fund salaries and fringe benefits for three positions assigned to the multi-jurisdictional task force – a lieutenant, a detective and a police officer. A required City cash match provides about one-third of the total funding for these positions.

Discussion

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Police Department to accept and expend \$189,700 in Milwaukee Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Grant funding.
2. The total cost of this grant-funded project is \$307,400, of which \$189,700 (62%) will be provided by the grantor and \$117,700 (38%) will be provided by the City. The City’s contribution will be an in-kind share of salary and fringe-benefit costs.
3. As in prior years, this project will fund the salaries and fringe benefits of three MPD positions assigned to the multi-jurisdictional drug enforcement task force – a lieutenant, a detective and a police officer.
4. The grant period for the MMDEG project extends from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.

Fiscal Impact

1. Adoption of this resolution will allow the City to accept and expend \$189,700 in federal grant funding for the MMDEG project.
2. Adoption of this resolution also commits the City to expending \$117,700 in tax-levy funding for the City share of salaries and benefits of the MMDEG-funded positions. This funding was included in the adopted 2011 City Budget.

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