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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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File Number 060978 is a resolution relating to application for, and acceptance and funding of, a 2006 COPS Secure Our Schools Grant, and authorization of a sub-grant to Milwaukee Public Schools for school security measures.

Background

1. The U.S. Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services, offers the COPS Secure Our Schools Grant to fund security improvements in and around schools.
2. This is a pass-through grant – i.e., the Milwaukee Police Department applies for the grant on behalf of Milwaukee Public Schools and sub-grants the grant funds to MPS.
3. The Police Department received a 2005 COPS Secure Our Schools Grant in the amount of \$536,411. Milwaukee Public Schools used this money to purchase security cameras and related support equipment.

Discussion

1. This grant is awarded to MPS based upon application for the grant by a local law enforcement agency (namely, the Milwaukee Police Department). MPS uses a consultant to assist with the placement of security equipment in selected MPS facilities.
2. Milwaukee Public Schools and the City of Milwaukee will execute a memorandum of understanding governing the sub-granting of these grant funds to MPS.
3. The grant period extends from September 1, 2006, through August 31, 2008.

Fiscal Impact

1. The total cost of this grant-funded project is \$689,722, of which \$344,861 (50%) will be provided by the grantor and sub-granted by the City to MPS. Milwaukee Public Schools must provide the remaining \$344,861 (50%) of project costs.
2. Milwaukee Public Schools will use these funds to purchase security equipment for school buildings (primarily security cameras and related equipment).

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