

LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 9, FILE # 051130

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File # 051130 is a resolution authorizing the acceptance and expenditure of contributions received by the Milwaukee Police Department from federally forfeited tangible property of cash for increased or enhanced law enforcement efforts.

Background

1. Federal Asset Forfeiture Funds come to the Police Department as a result of department participation in the seizure or forfeiture of tangible property or cash from successful drug trafficking investigations. *The federal government requires the funds only be used for increased or enhanced law enforcement efforts; funds may not be used to supplant existing budgetary efforts.*
2. Common Council File # 920252 requires the Police Department to present an annual Asset Forfeiture Expenditure Plan to the Common Council. The purpose of the plan is to ensure funding decisions provide for the most cost-effective use of these funds. Forfeiture Funds provide a significant level of “discretionary” spending power to the Police Department. A separate resolution is required for the expenditure of Asset Forfeiture funds. Once allocated, the Department can use funds for any approved purpose for a period of up to three years, after which unspent funds revert to the Asset Forfeiture Trust Account and become eligible for re-allocation.

Discussion

1. This resolution will authorize the funding of various items requested by the Milwaukee Police Department. MPD has submitted these items based on needs and priorities within the department.

2. MPD requests that the following items and programs be funded:

- **Administrative Fees** **\$ 15,000**
Payments to the U.S. Marshall’s Office to offset expenses related to non-monetary property seizures
- **Arson Unit Equipment** **8,650**
This purchase includes filters, coats, pants and portable floodlights
- **Bomb Squad Training & Equipment** **15,000**
Funds will be used for training and equipment alarms
- **Booking & Interrogation Room Upgrades** **60,000**
Funding will be used for camera and audio recording upgrades
- **Canine Unit** **10,000**

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| Funds will be used to care for three drug-interdiction dogs | |
| • Cellular Phones & Pagers | 53,500 |
| Funds will be used for financing wireless costs with pagers for the homicide division and crisis negotiators | |
| • Computer Upgrades | 84,500 |
| Funds will be used for computer equipment upgrades | |
| • Defibrillators | 26,000 |
| Will be distributed to the district stations for cardiac emergencies | |
| • Forensic Investigation Software & Hardware | 8,500 |
| These funds will be used to purchase field equipment for investigations | |
| • Homicide Investigation Equipment | 750 |
| Funds will purchase kits for processing homicide scenes | |
| • Investigative Funds | 50,000 |
| These funds will be use to augment investigations | |
| • Laser and Radar Speed Detectors & Holsters | 41,125 |
| Funds will purchase 10 speed detectors to replace aging equipment | |
| • Laser Speed Boards | 23,700 |
| Funds to purchase equipment for traffic enforcement | |
| • Lights for Squad Shotguns | 7,200 |
| Mounted lights will alleviate the need to hold a flashlight while taking aim. | |
| • Prisoner Processing Fingerprint & Photo Station | 65,000 |
| Funds will provide for upgrades at the police Administration Building | |
| • Mounted Patrol | 105,000 |
| Funds will pay for the costs for seven horses | |
| • Range Enhancements | 75,000 |
| Funds will pay for the costs of a new shooting scenario | |
| • Confiscated Vehicle Storage | 15,000 |
| Funds will provide for appropriate security, especially in drug-related cases | |
| • Surveillance Equipment | 77,325 |
| Funds will provide for necessary audio and video equipment | |
| • Tasers | 17,000 |
| This funding will be used to continue the program initiated in 2003 with the replacement of damaged and worn equipment | |
| • TEU Supplies | 5,750 |
| Funds will continue to supply the tactical unit with safety-related equipment while executing search warrants | |
| • Training | 107,000 |
| Employee training will focus upon narcotics detection and the investigation of drug-related activities as well as communications and specialized training for electronic surveillance and the interviewing of children who are witnesses or victims | |
| • Vice Equipment Maintenance and Repair | <u>4,000</u> |

