

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU FISCAL ANALYSIS

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 17, 2011
Item 7, File #101268**

File Number 101268 is a resolution authorizing the Police Department to apply for, accept and expend a Community Policing Grant in the amount of \$247,500 from the Wisconsin Department of Justice to fund the Police Department's 2011 Neighborhood Safety Initiative.

Background

1. In May 2007, the MPD initiated the "Neighborhood Safety Initiative", a proactive directed-patrol initiative that focused on specific areas of the city in which the numbers of homicides, non-fatal shootings, armed robberies, gun-related offenses, recovered firearms, search warrants, and "shots fired" calls were high. Conducted throughout the summer of 2007, the NSI was comprised of squad and beat patrol officers who concentrated on traffic stops, field interviews of suspicious subjects and positive citizen contacts in those areas with high incidences of violent crime.
2. In concert with this initiative, the State of Wisconsin's 2007-2009 biennium budget provided \$250,000 in each year to the City of Milwaukee for a Community Policing Grant, with proceeds to be directed to "activities related to decentralized law enforcement and crime prevention in targeted neighborhoods that suffer from high levels of violent and drug-related crime". The 2009-2011 biennium budget provides an additional \$247,500 in each year to continue these efforts.
3. Common Council file numbers 071236, 080289 and 091121 approved acceptance of a total of \$747,500 in Community Policing Grant funds covering the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010.

Discussion

1. The Milwaukee Police Department has been awarded \$247,500 in Community Policing Grant funds from the Wisconsin Department of Justice for the second year of the State's 2009-2011 biennium budget. This grant is for continued funding of the Police Department's Neighborhood Safety Initiative.
2. This resolution authorizes the Police Department to accept and expend these grant funds.
3. No local/City match is required for this grant-funded project, which will operate from January 1, 2011, through December 31, 2011.
4. Grant proceeds will be used primarily to fund overtime expenses for police officers deployed in the Neighborhood Safety Initiative (\$227,500). The balance of the funds -- \$20,000 -- will be used to purchase various pieces of equipment related to homicide analysis.

Fiscal Impact

Acceptance of this grant funding requires no City participation and has no impact on the tax levy.

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