LRB RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION ANALYSIS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE   **ITEM 23, FILE # 070700**

DATE September 13, 2007   **TOM SHAFFER**

File 070700 is a continuing resolution relative to the acceptance and funding of a Truancy Abatement and Burglary Suppression (TABS) Grant. (Police Department)

Background

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) to apply for, accept and fund a Truancy Abatement and Burglarly Suppression (TABS) Grant from the Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS).

2. The State of Wisconsin has provided funding for the TABS program to MPS since 1993. MPS is responsible for implementing this program and this resolution authorizes the City to renew the intergovernmental agreement for TABS services.

3. This is a grant continuation.

Discussion

1. In the TABS program, MPD officers pick up truants and take them one of 2 Boys and Girls Club locations: Mary Ryan at 3000 N. Sherman Boulevard or the Don and Sallie Davis Branch at 1975 S. 24th Street.

2. In 2006, MPD officers arrested 1,155 youth on previous warrants; a 12-fold increase over 2005 in which 92 such arrests were made according to Captain Debra Davidoski of MPD.

3. MPS counselors at these Boys and Girls Clubs discuss truancy reasons with the youths and try to identify strategies to help them stay in school. The youth's parents are contacted and are expected to either take the youth home or return him or her to school.

4. This grant encompasses the period July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

Fiscal Impact

1. The total amount of this grant is $506,502 with $320,000 (63%) provided by the grantor and the City share is $186,502 (37%).

2. In the previous grant year of July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007 the grantor share was $320,000 and the City share was $141,388.

3. This grant will fund the salaries and fringe benefits of 6 full-time police officers.

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