

LRB – RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
ITEM 9, FILE #081422

FEBRUARY 25, 2009

File #081422 authorizes the Milwaukee Police Department to apply for, accept and fund a Milwaukee Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Grant (“MMDEG”) from the U.S. Department of Justice – Bureau of Justice Assistance in the amount of \$276,117, with a grantor share of \$179,938 and a City share of \$96,179. The MMDEG funds 3 sworn positions who, in concert with other participating jurisdictions, concentrate on reducing the volume of controlled substances in the greater Milwaukee area via increased enforcement activity and drug seizure. This one-year continuing project grant runs from January 1, 2009 through January 31, 2009.

**BACKGROUND**

The Milwaukee Police Department has been a long-standing participant in the MMDEG program, which is administered through the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance and the Milwaukee County District Attorney’s Office. Grant proceeds are used to fund Police Department positions that participate in a multi-jurisdictional task force, whose goal is to prevent and suppress illegal drug activity in the greater Milwaukee area. Current participants in this project include the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County District Attorney’s Office, South Milwaukee and West Allis.

Through the years, the Milwaukee Police Department positions funded by this grant have varied, from Office Assistants only (1998) to Police Officers only (2003 and 2004). Beginning in 2006, this grant has funded 3 positions: a Lieutenant of Detectives, a Detective and a Police Officer.

Presented below are select statistics relating to the efforts of the MMDEG task force:

MMDEG Statistics

Statistic	2006	2007	2008
Persons Arrested	55	61	71
U.S. Currency Seized	\$69,408	\$115,758	\$262,680
Marijuana	1,216 grams	817,386 grams	5,311 grams
Cocaine	4,129 grams	912 grams	2,105 grams
Cocaine Base	539 grams	240 grams	229 grams
Heroin	119 grams	0 grams	57 grams

**DISCUSSION**

➤ **Positions**

As was the case the prior three years, the MMDEG will again fund the salary and fringe benefits of the following positions:

*2009 MMDEG POSITION FUNDING*

Position	#
Lieutenant of Detectives	1
Detective	1
Police Officer	1

➤ **Funding**

City participation will increase to approximately 35% of grant proceeds in 2009 versus roughly 25% in recent years, as displayed below. While grantor participation included “confidential” funds (requiring no City in-kind match) of \$40,000 in both 2006 and 2007 and \$26,241 in 2008, no such confidential funds are included in the 2009 grant.

**GRANT PARTICIPATION DETAIL**

	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
Grantor	\$209,525	\$221,438	\$209,085	\$179,938
City In-Kind	<u>63,479</u>	<u>72,970</u>	<u>72,123</u>	<u>96,179</u>
Total	\$273,004	\$294,408	\$281,208	\$276,117

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Acceptance of the \$276,117 Milwaukee Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Grant requires and includes City participation of \$96,179.

The 2009 Positions Ordinance will be amended to reflect that position authority for the impacted positions shall expire on December 31, 2009 unless the MMDEG is extended.

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