Reply to Common Council File No. 041303

From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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Common Council File 041303 contains a resolution from the Police Department authorizing the acceptance and expenditure of \$512,000 from contributions received by the Milwaukee Police Department from federally forfeited tangible property or cash for increased or enhanced law enforcement projects. These projects are included in the Police Department's 2005 Plan for the use of Federal Asset Forfeiture Funds, submitted to the Common Council on December 1, 2004.

The projects proposed for funding under this resolution are described in both the resolution and the Police proposal. These projects are principally continuing annual projects regularly funded from asset forfeiture funds, for example: mobile phones (\$50,000), administrative fees (\$15,000), and mounted patrol unit expenses (\$105,000). Included is also a larger one time purchase of equipment to replace the current firearms training system (\$250,000), originally purchased in 1992. This system uses technology to simulate different tactical situations and challenges the officers' judgment capabilities. This equipment will be utilized at the new firing range, currently under design, at the Academy.

As of November 30, 2004 the MPD trust fund revenues trial balance was \$703,156.76.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS AS PLANNED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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