

LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 11, FILE # 060053

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File # 060053 is a resolution relative to the application, acceptance and funding of the U.S. Department of Justice Weed and Seed Grant-Historic Clarke Square.

Background

1. The Weed and Seed program is a U.S. Department of Justice community-based initiative. This program utilizes a multi-agency approach to law enforcement, crime prevention and community revitalization.
2. The City of Milwaukee has participated in the Weed and Seed program since 1994 when funding was received by the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) to participate in Weed and Seed Activities on the north side of Milwaukee.
3. This is a continuing grant.

Discussion

1. This grant will authorize the application, acceptance and funding of the U.S. Department of Justice Weed and Seed Grant-Historic Clarke Square for \$175,000 and continuing authorization of the Block Grant Director of the Community Development Grants Administration (CDGA) to administer these funds.
2. The community development component of the Weed and Seed grants will be managed by a community organization, yet to be named, in the Historic Clarke Square neighborhood.
3. The Weed & Seed program provides after-school, weekend and summer activities for pre-teens and teens and offers alternatives for youth away from the negative activity of city streets.
4. This grant encompasses the period of October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007.

Fiscal Impact

1. The total amount of this grant is \$175,000.
2. \$87,500 of these grant funds will be budgeted for MPD participation in the law enforcement (“weed”) component of the grant.

3. The community (“seed”) portion of this grant (\$87,500) will be allocated by the CDGA to the community organization awarded this grant through established pass-through procedures and after the receipt of these funds from the U.S, Department of Justice.

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