

LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 6, FILE # 011082

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File # 011082 is a resolution relative to application, acceptance and funding of a COPS MORE Grant by the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) for Mobile Data Computer (MDC) equipment and local match through the Asset Forfeiture Program.

Background

1. This resolution authorizes MPD to apply for, accept and fund the 2001 COPS MORE Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services.
2. This grant encompasses the period of October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002.
3. In 2001, 10 MDCs have been purchased to date with funding provided from the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant.

Discussion

1. This resolution will approve the acceptance of \$303,360 from the U.S. Department of Justice for the funding of 40 Mobile Data Computers. Each MDC costs approximately \$10,000.
2. The COPS MORE Grant is a technology grant that is awarded from the U.S. Department of Justice. The MPD last received this grant in 2000.
3. The police department goal is to provide a MDC for every uniform squad car including the sergeants' vehicles.

Fiscal Impact

1. The amount of this grant is \$303,360 or 75% of the total funding requested. The terms of the grant *require* the city to contribute 25% or \$101,120 in funding as a "match" to the federal portion.
2. The city portion of this funding is to come from the Asset Forfeiture Program funds. No city tax levy dollars are required.

3. As of December 10, 2001, the Asset Forfeiture Plan had an approximate balance of \$147,000.

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