

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU FISCAL ANALYSIS

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 30, 2010
Item 8, File #100544**

File Number 100544 is a resolution authorizing the Police Department to apply for, accept and expend a Truancy Abatement and Burglary Suppression Grant in the amount of \$320,000 from the Milwaukee Public Schools.

Background

1. In 1993, the Truancy Abatement and Burglary Suppression Program ("TABS") was established to confront the issue of truancy and juvenile crime in the city of Milwaukee. The TABS program began as a collaborative effort between the City, Milwaukee Public Schools ("MPS"), the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee and the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department.
2. Initially funded by the State of Wisconsin, financial responsibility for the TABS Program was transferred to MPS via state statute effective July 1, 1996. As delineated in Chapter 119 of the Wisconsin Statutes, MPS is directed to do the following:
 - Pay the City a sum sufficient to fund the costs of salaries and fringe benefits of 4 law enforcement officers to work on truancy abatement and burglary suppression on a full-time basis.
 - Establish 2 youth service centers for the counseling of children who are taken into custody for being absent from school without an acceptable excuse. MPS shall contract with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee for the operation of the centers.
3. The 4 police officers assigned to truancy abatement and burglary suppression patrol the City, respond to calls of suspected truancy, make investigative stops of suspected truants, check to ensure that the youths are not wanted for criminal offenses and convey those youths who are identified as truants to either the Mary Ryan Branch (3000 N. Sherman Blvd.) or the Don and Sallie Davis Branch (1975 S. 24th St.) of the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Milwaukee.
4. Prior to the 2003-2004 school year, MPS contracted with the Sheriff's Department to provide one deputy sheriff at the Mary Ryan Branch and one deputy sheriff at the Don and Sallie Davis Branch. Beginning with the 2003-2004 school year, the Milwaukee Police Department took over these responsibilities.
5. Each year, beginning with the 2003-2004 school year, the Common Council adopts a resolution to accept TABS grant funds from MPS and to direct the appropriate City officials to enter into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement with MPS for the provision of TABS services by the City (MPD). The time has come for acceptance of the grant funds and execution of the intergovernmental cooperation agreement for the 2010-2011 school year.

Discussion

1. This resolution authorizes the Police Department to apply for, accept and expend a \$320,000 Truancy Abatement and Burglary Suppression Grant from Milwaukee Public Schools.
2. The grant period for this grant extends from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010 (i.e., the 2010-2011 school year).
3. The total cost of this grant-funded project is \$523,548, of which \$320,000 (61%) would be provided by the grantor and \$203,548 (39%) would be provided as an in-kind contribution by the City. This will fund the salaries and fringe benefits of 6 full-time police officers assigned to the TABS program.
4. The resolution also directs the proper City officials to renew the intergovernmental cooperation agreement with MPS for TABS services.

Fiscal Impact

Acceptance of this grant requires City in-kind participation of \$203,548.

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