

**LRB – RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
ITEM 9, FILE #081539**

**MARCH 11, 2009**

**File #081539 authorizes the Milwaukee Police Department to apply for, accept and fund a Booking Exchange Project Grant through the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance in the amount of \$96,954. Proceeds will fund consultant, application system and software costs for the ‘Milwaukee County Booking Exchange Project’, whose goal is to automate the electronic exchange of offender booking information between the MPD and the Milwaukee County Sheriff’s Office. The 100% donor funded grant is for the 6-month period January 15, 2009 through July 15, 2009.**

**BACKGROUND**

The Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance (“OJA”) provides financial and technical assistance to public safety, first response and emergency management agencies throughout the state. As the State Administering Authority (“SAA”) for federal criminal justice and homeland security grant program funds, OJA is responsible for establishing funding priorities, developing application criteria, awarding and disseminating grants, and assessing project achievements.

The Wisconsin Justice Information Sharing program (“WIJIS”), administered by OJA, seeks to reduce crime, prevent terrorism, and improve the efficiency of the criminal justice system by expanding and enhancing information access for local, county, and state justice agencies in Wisconsin. Specifically, WIJIS will allow agencies to electronically share and transfer data stored in existing justice information systems throughout the state. The end goal is a “Justice Gateway”, which would provide authorized users of the Wisconsin criminal justice community with a single secure point of access to read-only information collected and stored in disparate agency databases throughout the state.

**DISCUSSION**

OJA has made limited funds available, through the Local Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program and the Urban Areas Security Initiative, to defray local agencies’ costs of participating in the WIJIS program. The booking exchange project between the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County is part of this program. The exchange will be accomplished through development of a Secure Search and Forwards (“SSAF”) application that will be made available to the City and County for deployment. Existing Records Management Systems (“RMS”) will be used to produce and store the information exchanged. Per the operating grant budget, the \$96,954 grant will be allocated as follows:

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>
Application Systems, Software, Software Maintenance	\$52,979
Consultant – Sagem Morpho	28,975
Consultant – ImageWare Systems	<u>15,000</u>
Total	\$96,954

**FISCAL IMPACT**

This grant is administered through the State of Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance. Acceptance requires no city participation and has no impact on the tax levy.

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