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The Honorable Members of the Common Council
200 East Wells Street, Room 202
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RE: 2018 Asset Forfeiture Plan

Dear Council Members:

Pursuant to Common Council File #920252, the Milwaukee Police Department submits an annual report on anticipated receipt of federally seized forfeiture funds for the next calendar year, together with a plan that includes priorities for the expenditure of such funds.

As of October 11, 2018, the Asset Forfeiture account balance was \$1,857,100.28. Cash receipts of the fund are subject to many variables, among them the uncertainty of whether the Department will receive funds, the exact share of any seized assets the Department will be awarded, and the effects of changes in the Federal guidelines for this program.

In order to enhance the safety of the community and enable the Police Department to increase its effectiveness and efficiency, this plan includes the following items. Historically, funding of these items has been based on the ever-changing needs of the Department through out the fiscal year.

1. Purchase of Pistols with Holsters and Ammunition \$350,000

MPD current issue holsters are 17-18 year old technology, and the new holsters would provide a noticeable improvement in the ease of draw; an increase in security, and retention of the pistol in the holster; and a decrease in the wear on the pistol finish, due to the internal design of the holster. The change to a new pistol would provide a more manageable shooting cartridge, which has a decrease in ammunition costs with no measurable decrease in bullet performance. Department members have shown an increase in ease of shooting and maintenance with the proposed pistol.

2. Training \$50,000

Training and education increases police officers' effectiveness in their current assignments and prepares them for new assignments and increased responsibility.

3. Bicycle Patrol \$30,000

The bicycle program augments the beat program and park and walk programs. The bicycle program allows police officers to have closer contact with the public, engage in crime control and prevention activities and yet have the capability of quickly responding to emergency calls for service in the assigned patrol areas. This money will be used to buy additional bikes (approximately 38) for the unit.

4. Crime Stoppers \$35,000

Crime Stoppers is a non-profit crime tip organization operated by a volunteer community board of directors that provides reward money for tips that assist in criminal investigations. This money will be used for reward money.

5. Neighborhood Initiatives \$35,000

This money will be used toward neighborhood initiatives, to be evenly distributed among the seven police districts. These neighborhood initiative expenditures will be derived from feedback provided by the citizens in those neighborhoods that is permissible under federal asset forfeiture regulations. That feedback will be summarized and provided to the Common Council.

6. Administrative and Miscellaneous Expenses for Command \$50,000

This category accounts for on-going various small dollar purchases for each Command in addition to expenses incurred in the seizure of vehicles or other non-monetary property. The U.S. Marshall's Office recovers its administrative expenses from the value of cash and assets seized. For cash awards, the Police Department receives an amount net of the federal government's legal costs and other expenses. However, the Police Department must make direct payments to offset expenses incurred in the seizure of vehicles or other non-monetary property. Payment of these fees allows continued participation in this program.

This plan may be revised, pursuant to the provisions of Common Council File No. 920252, in the event of a change in the Department's needs or priorities.

Sincerely,

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