

**LRB – RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
ITEM 15, FILE #080629**

**SEPTEMBER 4, 2008**

**File #080629 authorizes the Milwaukee Police Department (“MPD”) to apply for, accept and fund a 2008 Neighborhood Task Force Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Justice – Office of Justice Assistance in the amount of \$300,000. The 100% donor funded grant is for the period June 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009.**

**BACKGROUND**

In May 2008, the MPD announced the formation of the Neighborhood Task Force (“NTF”), with the objective of providing a highly visible proactive policing presence in neighborhoods with the greatest amount of crime and disorder. The 200 sworn police officers who comprise the NTF may work in the following units: Street Crimes, Tactical Enforcement, Fugitive Apprehension, Motorcycle, Mounted Patrol, Canine and Marine Operations.

Using tangible crime data and analysis, multi-disciplinary NTF teams are deployed to neighborhood “hotspots” throughout the city of Milwaukee with the intent of suppressing violent crime and maintaining order by providing a visible presence in public spaces. Teams are redirected as soon as analysis and field experience shows a positive impact has been achieved.

The NTF is fully operational.

**DISCUSSION**

The purpose of the Neighborhood Task Force Grant is to fund overtime expenses for members of the NTF.

The \$300,000 grant runs from June 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009 and is 100% grantor funded.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no impact on the tax levy.

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