

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2010  
Item 7, File #100590**

File Number 100590 is a resolution authorizing the Police Department to apply for, accept and expend a U.S. Department of Homeland Security Hazardous Device Robot Upgrade Grant in the amount of \$50,000.

**Background**

1. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security Homeland Security Grant Program offers various grants to local governments to prepare for, prevent, respond to and recover from terrorist attacks and other disasters.
2. The Milwaukee Police Department's F6 robot is used by the Department to detonate explosive devices, thereby ensuring that the safety of police personnel is not jeopardized in hazardous situations.
3. The Milwaukee Police Department appears to be eligible to receive Homeland Security Grant funding to upgrade its F6 robot.

**Discussion**

1. This resolution authorizes the Police Department to apply for, accept and expend a \$50,000 U.S. Department of Homeland Security Hazardous Device Robot Upgrade Grant through the State of Wisconsin, Office of Justice Assistance.
2. The grant period for this grant extends from July 21, 2010 through September 30, 2010.
3. This project is 100% grantor-funded; there is no City cash match or in-kind contribution.
4. The full amount of the grant will be used to purchase an upgrade kit for MPD's F6 robot.

**Fiscal Impact**

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

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