

LRB – RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
ITEM 14, FILE #081169**

JANUARY 8, 2009

File #081169 authorizes the Milwaukee Police Department to apply for, accept and fund an Alcohol Enforcement Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation – Bureau of Transportation Safety in the amount of \$30,000. Proceeds will be used to fund police overtime costs relating to enhanced efforts to adopt a zero tolerance for motor vehicle operators under the influence of an intoxicant or controlled substance, and to increase the annual total of impaired driving citations written over the prior year. Identifying unrestrained occupants and increasing seatbelt citations is also a priority of this grant program. The 100% donor funded grant is for the period October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009.

BACKGROUND

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation – Bureau of Transportation Safety makes various grants available to law enforcement agencies for initiatives that promote and encourage safe driving.

The City has been receiving Alcohol Enforcement Project grants since 2003. Typically, the dollar amount of these grants did not exceed \$20,000, negating the need for Common Council action.

File #071315 authorized the application, acceptance and funding of a \$25,000 Alcohol Enforcement grant covering the period October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008.

DISCUSSION

File #081169 authorizes the application, acceptance and funding of a Alcohol Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$30,000 for the period October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009.

FISCAL IMPACT

Acceptance of this grant requires no city participation and has no impact on the tax levy.

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