

Reply to Common Council File No. 041753

From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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Common Council File 041753 contains a resolution appropriating up to \$225,000 from the Harassment Settlement Trust Account in the Permanent Improvement Fund for the purchase of tracking/professional standards software for the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD).

In June 2002, the Common Council adopted file 020126 which accepted a \$375,000 contribution from former Mayor John Norquist and his wife, Susan Mudd. These funds were deposited with the City Treasurer into the Harassment Settlement Trust Account established by the City Comptroller. Funds are available for expenditures for general city purposes with authority that requires Common Council approval.

The MPD has requested assistance in funding computer software for an employee intervention system. This system will include replacing the existing database utilized by the Professional Performance Division (formally Internal Affairs). Information from this database will feed a significant amount of data into a separate database for the intervention system. The intervention system will include software that will analyze all of the data and allow for the early intervention program manager to put together a picture of an officer. This picture will help determine the root cause(s) of problematic behavior and the best course of action needed for intervention.

It is currently estimated that the MPD will need \$500,000 to fund the necessary database and software purchase/modification/implementation. Additional funding for the project will include \$100,000 from the Asset Forfeiture Trust Account and \$175,000 from the existing Technology Initiative Capital Account. In addition, 65% of the proposed total funding represents non-tax levy resources.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE THE RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING UP TO \$225,000 FROM THE HARASSMENT SETTLEMENT TRUST ACCOUNT IN THE PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND.



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