

LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 5, FILE # 030584

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File # 030584 is a substitute resolution relative to acceptance and funding of a Truancy Abatement and Burglary Suppression Grant.

Background

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) to apply for, accept and fund a Truancy Abatement and Burglary Suppression (TABS) Grant from the Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS).
2. The State of Wisconsin has provided funding for the TABS program since 1993.
3. MPS is responsible for funding this program and this resolution authorizes the appropriate city officials to renew the intergovernmental agreement for TABS services with MPS.
4. This is a grant continuation.

Discussion

1. The TABS program seeks to reduce daytime burglary and other crimes relative to truancy. Daytime burglaries are down 28% when compared to TABS first year of operation. Calls from residents reporting truants were down 44% over the past school year.
2. In the TABS program, MPD Officers pick up truants and bring them to one of two TABS centers located at two Boys and Girls Club locations.
3. MPS counselors at the TABS centers discuss truancy reasons with the youths and try to identify strategies to help them stay in school. The youth's parent(s) are contacted and are expected to either take the youth home or return him or her to school.
4. TABS case managers conducted 88 home and 58 school visits in the past school year and over 600 referrals for social and education services.
5. During the 2002-2003 school year, TABS officers made 6,925 stops on the street and 3,281 truants were processed at the two centers. High school students account for approximately two-thirds of all TABS participants.

6. 54% of case managed youth in the TABS program increased attendance at school and 85% of the youth processed at the TABS Centers did not recidivate.
7. Daytime burglaries are down 28% when compared to TABS first year of operation.
8. This grant encompasses the period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

Fiscal Impact

1. The total amount of this grant is \$501,336 with \$345,000 (69%) provided by the grantor and \$156,336 (31%) provided by the city.
2. This grant will fund 6 Police Officers (FT) with salary and fringe benefits.
3. The city share of the grant (31%) includes routine police officer overtime expenses as well as indirect costs (\$91,702) incurred with the grant administration.

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