

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU FISCAL ANALYSIS

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 30, 2010
Item 4, File #100604**

File Number 100604 is a resolution authorizing the Police Department to apply for, accept and expend an Enhanced Code Case Investigation Grant in the amount of \$334,061 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs.

Background

1. The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs offers Enhanced Cold Case Investigation Grant to assist law enforcement agencies in reviewing cold case files and ultimately improving clearance rates.
2. The Milwaukee Police Department appears to be eligible to receive Enhanced Cold Case Investigation Grant funding which it would use to fund personnel overtime expenses related to reviewing cold case files.

Discussion

1. This resolution authorizes the Police Department to apply for, accept and expend an Enhanced Cold Case Investigation Grant in the amount of \$334,061 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs. This is a new grant program for MPD.
2. The grant period for this grant extends from October 1, 2010 through March 31, 2012.
3. This project is 100% grantor-funded; there is no City cash match or in-kind contribution.
4. Grant proceeds will be used to fund MPD personnel overtime, and related expenses, to allow MPD to review cold case files using parameters established by the grant program, with cases being selected and prioritized based on solvability factors. Specifically, grant funds will be used as follows:

Overtime compensation (4,641 hrs. total)	\$244,501
Contractual analyst services	\$40,560
Training	\$24,000
Other services (lab testing, transcription)	\$15,000
<u>Equipment (computers, search engine fees, etc.)</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
TOTAL	\$344,061

5. The focus of this grant-funded project will be on identifying, reviewing and investigating "cold case" violent crimes, particularly homicides. Recent advances in DNA analysis technology have increased the probability of successfully using DNA analysis of aged, degraded or limited biological evidence to identify crime suspects and perpetrators.

6. MPD plans to engage the “contractual analyst” directly in the review of cold case homicides. The analyst will prepare case summaries, review physical evidence, analyze links between associated cold cases and track on-going cold case investigations in Milwaukee. The department is considering hiring a recent criminal science graduate for this role.

Fiscal Impact

This resolution authorizes the receipt and expenditure of \$334,061 in federal grant dollars. It does not obligate the City to make a cash match or in-kind contribution.

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