

LRB RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION ANALYSIS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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File # 070304 is a resolution relative to application, acceptance and funding of a Motorcycle Unit Traffic and Criminal Software Reporting Project Grant.

Background

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Police Department to apply for and accept a Motorcycle Unit Traffic and Criminal Software (TraCS) Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Safety.
2. This is a continuing grant. On December 13, 2005 the Common Council adopted Resolution File Number 050997, approving acceptance of a TraCS grant for \$50,000 to fund the purchase of 230 mobile printers for police vehicles to assist officers with completing paper work faster, easier and more accurately on traffic accidents.
3. On May 8, 2007 the Common Council adopted Resolution File Number 070048, approving acceptance of a TraCS grant for \$100,000 to fund the purchase of software setups for motorcycles, a laptop computer, and printers and peripherals for approximately 25 squads.

Discussion

1. This TraCS grant will fund the purchase and installation of 30 laptop computers and 30 printers for the motorcycle unit.
2. The TraCS grant is a state initiative to standardize electronic citations throughout various jurisdictions as well as to provide the ability to feed citation information to the state electronically.
3. The TraCS software collection of field data forms includes a warning form, a citation form and a form for reporting communication. The software includes Global Positioning System (GPS) units to import exact crash locations, latitude and longitude. These location imports will enable traffic engineers to pinpoint problem areas.

Fiscal Impact

1. This grant encompasses the period of May 1, 2007 to September 30, 2007.
2. The total amount of this grant is \$125,000; the state share is 100%. The city share on this grant is \$0.

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