

LRB – RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
ITEM 10, FILE #081423**

FEBRUARY 25, 2009

File #081423 authorizes the Milwaukee Police Department to apply for, accept and fund a U.S. Department of Homeland Security Buffer Zone Protection Program Milwaukee EOC Upgrade Grant in the amount of \$50,000. Proceeds will be used to purchase and upgrade various equipment and technology at Milwaukee’s Emergency Operations Center. The 100% donor funded grant is for the period January 8, 2009 through March 31, 2011.

BACKGROUND

The Buffer Zone Protection Program (“BZPP”) is a grant program within the Department of Homeland Security that focuses on strengthening the nation’s critical infrastructure against risks associated with potential terrorist attacks. Specifically, BZPP provides funding to increase the preparedness capabilities of jurisdictions responsible for the safety and security of communities surrounding high-priority pre-designated Tier 1 and Tier 2 critical infrastructure and key resource (“CIKR”) assets, through allowable planning and equipment acquisition. CIKR assets may include chemical facilities, financial institutions, nuclear and electric power plants, dams, stadiums, and other high-risk/high-consequence facilities.

In 2009, the BZPP has made upgrades and enhancements to emergency operations centers a priority in grant funding.

File #061224 authorized the Milwaukee Water Works to apply for, accept and expend \$189,000 in U.S. Department of Homeland Security BZPP grant proceeds for enhanced protection of Water Works infrastructure security. Funds were used to purchase and install light poles and video surveillance equipment, along with any necessary accessories.

DISCUSSION

Grant proceeds will be applied towards technological upgrades at Milwaukee’s Emergency Operations Center as follows:

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>
Information Technology	\$27,670
Application Systems and Software	16,080
GIS Laptops and Cases (2)	5,800
Printer	<u>450</u>
Total	\$50,000

FISCAL IMPACT

This grant is administered through the State of Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance. Acceptance requires no city participation and has no impact on the tax levy.

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