

LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 18, FILE # 020456

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File # 020456 is a resolution relating to funding of the Drug Abatement Program Hotline.

Background

1. This substitute resolution requests that the Milwaukee Police Department (MHD) appropriate funding from its budget to the Social Development Commission (SDC) to continue the operation of the Drug Abatement Program (DAP) Hotline through December 31, 2002.
2. SDC is unable to continue the operation of the DAP hotline after August 31, 2002 due to discontinuation of funding from the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Street Drug Task Force grant.

Discussion

1. The DAP hotline is a program developed to receive anonymous telephone calls from residents reporting drug houses or illegal drug activity in their neighborhoods.
2. This hotline was initiated in 1989 as a demonstration project funded by the State of Wisconsin Department of Justice. Responsibility for the hotline was assumed by the SDC in 1992 with continuing state funding through 1998.
3. In 1998, the HIDTA program provided \$50,000 as partial funding for the DAP hotline over a two-year period.
4. In 2001 and 2002, 500-600 referrals for drug houses were received by the hotline.

Fiscal Impact

The total amount of this resolution is \$21,400 to be funded from the 2002 MPD budget.

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