

LRB – RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
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File #090871 authorizes the Milwaukee Police Department to apply for, accept and fund a COPS Child Sexual Predator Program Grant in the amount of \$400,371 through the United States Department of Justice. Proceeds from this 2-year, 100% donor funded grant will facilitate participation in a multi-jurisdictional Milwaukee Area Child Sexual Predator Task Force, with monies specifically directed to the salary and fringe benefits of a Data Base Specialist position, police overtime, equipment and technology, and investigative travel/training costs.

BACKGROUND

A recent analysis of Wisconsin's 10 Eastern District counties conducted by the United States Marshall Service indicated that Milwaukee County is home to 43% of all registered sex offenders, 41% of all compliant sex offenders and 69% of all non-compliant sex offenders. The analysis concluded that the vast majority of non-compliant sex offenders reside in Milwaukee County. According to the MPD, there are 1,700 registered sex offenders in the Milwaukee Metro Area.

Conceived by the MPD, the Milwaukee Area Child Sexual Predator Task Force will be an integrated, proactive, multi-jurisdictional and multi-disciplinary law enforcement program to identify, arrest, and prosecute unregistered child sex offenders in the Milwaukee area. The Task Force will be comprised of the MPD, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, the U.S. Marshall Service for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Division of Criminal Investigation, and the Wisconsin Department of Corrections.

The Task Force will work collectively to monitor and manage sex offenders via verification checks, locate unregistered sex offenders, target and arrest non-compliant sex offenders, provide sex offender training to law enforcement agencies and the community, and seek out and arrest child sexual predators via the Internet.

DISCUSSION

Proceeds from this grant, which covers the period September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2011, will facilitate operation of the Milwaukee Area Child Sexual Predator Task Force. The \$400,341 in grant proceeds will be directed as follows:

- ✓ \$166,341 for MPD Sensitive Crimes Division overtime expended on child sexual offender registration, tracking, home visits, notifications, and arrest.
- ✓ \$112,994 to fund the salary and fringe benefit costs of a Data Base Specialist/Analyst position for 2 years.
- ✓ \$65,545 for various equipment and technology necessary for field tracking, investigative, forensic imaging and record keeping purposes.
- ✓ \$33,829 for Wisconsin DCI law enforcement overtime.
- ✓ \$19,100 for investigative travel, regional training and a COPS Kickoff Conference.
- ✓ \$2,532 for anti-static mats necessary to safeguard from electronic components.

FISCAL IMPACT

Acceptance of this grant requires no city share and has no impact on the tax levy. The 2009 Positions Ordinance shall be amended to include one Data Base Specialist/Analyst along with a footnote to reflect expiration of position authority on August 31, 2011 unless COPS Child Sexual Predator grant funding is extended.

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