



City of Milwaukee

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Police Department

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Chief of Police

The Honorable Members of the Common Council
200 East Wells Street, Room 202
Milwaukee, WI 53202

RE: 2009 Asset Forfeiture Expenditure Resolution

Dear Council Members:

Pursuant to Common Council File #920252, this file requests Common Council authorization for the Milwaukee Police Department to expend \$1,183,045 from its asset forfeiture funds. The following is an itemized description of the anticipated expenditures included in this resolution. These expenditures are in accordance with the guidelines of the Federal Asset Forfeiture Sharing Program. All of the items below were discussed in the 2008 plan. This resolution will leave approximately \$165,788 in the Asset forfeiture Trust Account.

1. Administrative Fees \$15,000

The U.S. Marshall's Office recovers its administrative expenses from the value of cash and assets seized. For cash awards, the Police Department receives an amount net of the federal government's legal costs and other expenses. However, the Police Department must make direct payments to offset expenses incurred in the seizure of vehicles or other non-monetary property. Payment of these fees allows continued participation in this program.

2. Bicycle Patrol \$13,000

The bicycle program augments the beat program and park and walk programs. The bicycle program allows police officers to have closer contact with the public, engage in crime control and prevention activities and yet have the capability of quickly responding to emergency calls for service in the assigned patrol areas. These funds will allow us to equip additional riders to perform bicycle patrol.

3. Canine Unit \$5,000

This funds the food, medical care and boarding for three drug-interdiction canines. Without funding, the Department will be less effective in drug interdiction and subsequently less successful in its attempts to secure federally seized forfeiture funds.

4. Cellular Phones \$45,000

These funds continue support for cellular telephones for field officers and investigative personnel assigned to field activities, permitting them to call citizens about service requests and investigations.

5. Computer Upgrades \$26,975

These funds will be used for a variety of expenditures, among them replacement and upgrading of equipment so that our open records staff can respond more efficiently to open records requests for digital video output, software to enable the Id division to prepare court exhibits more efficiently, and upload servers for the video cameras in the squads. The expenditures are intended to make our officers more efficient and effective, increasing the time that they can spend on pro-active policing, and reducing time now utilized responding to service requests.

6. Crime Analysis Tools \$47,200

The Department is committed to making the best use of the crime data available in our computer systems to detect crime trends, to identify hot spots and help with the deployment of scarce

resources. In order to do this, the Department has identified the need for computers, printers, a server, and software, among other items.

- 7. EOC Internet and Cabling Upgrades** **\$25,400**
These funds will allow us to upgrade our Emergency Operations Center so that we can handle the data rich transmissions coming from new technologies that have been implemented in the last six years since the EOC was made operational.
- 8. Mounted Patrol Equipment** **\$38,275**
These funds provide for an additional vehicle and a horse trailer for the Mounted Patrol Unit. Increased demands for services citywide make it necessary to obtain this additional equipment.
- 9. Port Grant Match** **\$57,320**
The City of Milwaukee obtained both 2007 and 2008 port grants. The grants require a 25% match. The original source of the match is no longer available, and MPD will need to use asset forfeiture funding if it wants to purchase the items approved in the grant. These items are mainly for the dive team to use in underwater searches for explosive devices.
- 10. Property System Upgrades** **\$39,400**
These funds will be used to purchase an upgrade to the evidence property system that would enable personnel in our operating areas to do inventories on Department computers, saving time and minimizing errors. There is a one-time licensing fee for this, which can be used on a limitless number of computers. The funds will also be used to purchase bar code scanners to increase efficiency by eliminating re-entry of data into the database.
- 11. Renovation of Old district #3** **\$450,000**
The former district #3 building at 4715 West Vliet has been unoccupied since 2003. The department plans to renovate this building to relieve overcrowding at other department locations. Through 2008, the Department has obtained \$525,000 in funding (\$200,000 in 2008 capital budget and \$325,000 from asset forfeiture), which was used to remodel the first floor. The cost estimate for the second floor is approximately \$980,000. This will be funded through this allocation and the \$550,000 that was included in the City's 2009 capital budget.
- 12. Surveillance Equipment** **\$12,475**
This equipment enhances the Department's ability to conduct covert investigations and safely obtain the necessary evidentiary photos and video footage. This equipment is especially valuable in investigation and dismantling mid and upper level drug traffickers.
- 13. Technology services** **\$300,000**
The department anticipates the need for additional funding in order to resolve information technology equipment and technical needs and complete various projects.
- 14. Training** **\$108,000**
Asset forfeiture funds are used for employee training and education. Training prepares employees for greater job responsibilities and increases their effectiveness in regards to their current duties.

Sincerely,



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CHIEF OF POLICE