LRB – RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ITEM 8, FILE #090523

SEPTEMBER 16, 2009

File #090523 amends File #081172, which authorized the Milwaukee Police Department to accept and fund an ATF Milwaukee Firearms/Violent Crimes Impact Team Task Force grant from the U.S. Department of Justice - Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Originally in the amount of \$97,972, this resolution increases grant proceeds by \$17,028, for an amended total award of \$115,000. Proceeds are used to fund overtime expenses for Milwaukee Police Department officers when participating in Firearms Trafficking Task Force and/or Violent Crimes Impact Team activities. The 100% donor funded grant period remains unchanged: October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009.

BACKGROUND

The Firearms Trafficking Task Force coordinates law enforcement activities addressing transfers and possession of firearms in violation of state and federal laws. Coordination is particularly important due to the potential for violence in undercover or sting operations. The Violent Crimes Impact Team conducts long-term investigations into violent criminals associated with street gangs or well organized crime units.

In prior years, this grant was presented in two separate files: an ATF/Milwaukee Firearms Trafficking Task Force grant and an ATF/Violent Crimes Impact Team grant. The table below presents the funding history of these two grants:

| <u>File</u> | Grant | <u>Period</u> | Grantor Share | <u>City Share</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 041260 & 050623 | Firearms Trafficking | 10/01/04 - 9/30/05 | \$42,000 | \$27,383 | \$69,383 |
| 051584 & 060989 | Firearms Trafficking | 10/01/05 - 9/30/07 | \$92,606 | \$0 | \$92,606 |
| 061414 | Violent Crimes | 10/01/06 - 9/30/07 | \$28,000 | \$0 | \$28,000 |
| 071324 | Firearms Trafficking | 10/01/07 - 9/30/08 | \$31,708 | \$0 | \$31,708 |
| 071325 | Violent Crimes | 10/01/07 - 9/30/08 | \$63,416 | \$0 | \$63,416 |

DISCUSSION

Amended grant proceeds in the amount of \$115,000 will be used to continue funding overtime expenses for Milwaukee Police Department officers when participating in investigations into either firearms trafficking and/or violent criminals. The 100% donor funded grant covers the period October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009.

FISCAL IMPACT

Adoption of this amendment requires no City financial participation and has no impact on the tax levy.

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