

LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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File # 050655 is a resolution relative to acceptance and funding of a Truancy Abatement and Burglary Suppression Grant.

Background

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) to apply for, accept and fund a Truancy Abatement and Burglary Suppression (TABS) Grant from the Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS).
2. The State of Wisconsin has provided funding for the TABS program since 1993.
3. MPS is responsible for funding this program and this resolution authorizes the appropriate city officials to renew the intergovernmental agreement for TABS services with MPS.
4. This is a grant continuation.

Discussion

1. The TABS program seeks to reduce daytime burglary and other crimes relative to truancy. Daytime burglaries were down 33% in 2004 when compared to TABS first year of operation. Calls from residents reporting truants were down 24% over the past ten years.
2. In the TABS program, MPD Officers pick up truants and bring them to one of two TABS centers located at two Boys and Girls Club locations.
3. MPS counselors at the TABS centers discuss truancy reasons with the youths and try to identify strategies to help them stay in school. The youth's parent(s) are contacted and are expected to either take the youth home or return him or her to school.
4. TABS case managers conducted 117 home and 321 school visits in the past school year and over 1,076 referrals for social and education services.
5. During the 2004-2005 school year, TABS officers made 8,764 stops on the street and 3,364 truants were processed at the two centers. High school students account for approximately two-thirds of all TABS participants. 39% of TABS participants are in their freshmen year in high school. 105 adolescents picked up for truancy violations had no school assignment. The TABS program was successful in assigning 68 % of these truants.

6. 68% of case managed youth in the TABS program increased attendance at school and 83% of the youth processed at the TABS Centers did not recidivate.
7. Concerning MPD enforcement activities, 33% of students receiving truancy tickets increased attendance in school and 44% of students whose parents received truancy tickets on their behalf increased school attendance.
8. This grant encompasses the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

Fiscal Effect

1. The total amount of this grant is \$527,213 with \$345,000 (65%) provided by the grantor and \$182,213 (35%) provided by the city.
2. This grant will fund 6 Police Officers (FT) with salary and fringe benefits.
3. The city share of the grant (35%) includes police officer salary and fringe benefit expenses as well as indirect costs (\$104,977) incurred with the grant administration.

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