

LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 21, FILE # 020046

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File # 020046 is a resolution relative to application, acceptance and funding of a Communication Infrastructure Equipment Program Grant.

Background

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) to apply for, accept and fund a Communication Infrastructure Equipment Program grant from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Assistance Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance.
2. This is a new grant.

Discussion

1. The purpose of this grant is to obtain communications infrastructure for the City of Milwaukee Police Department.
2. This federal grant is designated specifically for the purchase of communication infrastructure.
3. This grant funding for infrastructure represents one of a proposed five phases to convert MPD communications from analog to digital format. Federal Communications Commission regulations mandate this digital conversion by year 2005.
4. Future proposed and tentative phases in this communication conversion include mobile data connections, voice operations and system enhancement.
5. Projected infrastructure purchases through this grant include base stations, antennas, computer and system controls and network connections.
6. This digital conversion is a component of the city radio trunking system and will participate in citywide interdepartmental communications. This digital communications system, once in place, will accommodate an integrated city system that will link all city departments, in particular, police, fire and DPW.

Fiscal Impact

1. The total amount of this grant is \$3,000,000, entirely from the grantor.

2. The *City of Milwaukee Capital Improvements Plan* projects city expenditures of **\$8.725** million in 2004 and **\$6.225** million in 2005 for this system conversion, not including the digital radio equipment needed for city departments.
3. MPD intends to fund its digital communication equipment purchases through a mix of funding including the application for, and reception of, grant program dollars.

Further Information

The City of Milwaukee, Department of Administration, ITMD is scheduled to initiate and conclude a study of the city's radio infrastructure sometime in 2002. The study will recommend the communication infrastructure and systems, under the responsibility of MPD, which is best suited for the needs of the entire city.

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