

**LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**ITEM 22, FILE # 060604**

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File # 060604 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. Residential burglaries have dropped 49% since the TABS program was initiated. 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 496 home and 248 school visits in the past school year and over 1,500 referrals for social and education services.
5. During the 2005-2006 school year, TABS officers made 8,441 stops on the street and 3,519 truants were processed at the two centers. High school students account for approximately two-thirds of all TABS participants. 127 adolescents picked up for truancy violations had no school assignment. The TABS program was successful in assigning 70% of these truants.

6. 65% 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, 37% of students receiving truancy tickets increased attendance in school and 53% of students whose parents/guardians received truancy tickets on their behalf increased school attendance.
8. This grant encompasses the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

**Fiscal Effect**

1. The total amount of this grant is \$461,388 with \$320,000 (69%) provided by the grantor and \$141,388 (31%) 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 (31%) includes police officer salary and fringe benefit expenses.

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