LRB - RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ITEM 14, FILE #090515

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File #090515 authorizes the Milwaukee Police Department to accept \$7,000 in additional funding for an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force grant from the U.S. Department of Justice – Federal Bureau of Investigation. This grant is used to fund overtime for MPD sworn personnel in the Organized Crimes Division of the Criminal Investigation Bureau who assist in a specific Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force case. With additional funding of \$7,000, grant funds for Investigation #GL-WIE0138 now total \$27,000, necessitating Common Council approval. The 100% donor funded grant is for the period October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009.

BACKGROUND

The Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force ("OCDETF") program was established in 1982 to conduct comprehensive multi-level attacks on major drug trafficking and money laundering organizations. Today, OCDETF combines the resources and expertise of its member federal agencies which include: the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the U.S. Marshals Service, the Internal Revenue Service, and the U.S. Coast Guard – in cooperation with the Department of Justice Criminal Division, the Tax Division, and the 93 U.S. Attorney's Offices, as well as with state and local law enforcement. The principal mission of the OCDETF program is to identify, disrupt, and dismantle the most serious drug trafficking and money laundering organizations and those primarily responsible for the nation's drug supply.

The purpose of an OCDETF grant is to fund local law enforcement assistance in an OCDETF case. Currently, the MPD is participating in approximately 5 such cases. Thirteen officers have participated in Investigation #GL-WIE0138.

DISCUSSION

This file approves \$7,000 in additional grant funds, for a total of \$27,000 in overtime funding for MPD participation in OCDETF Investigation #GL-WIE0138.

FISCAL IMPACT

Acceptance of the additional grant funding requires no City participation and has no impact on the tax levy.

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