



Police Department

Nannette H. Hegerty  
Chief of Police

November 29, 2005

The Honorable Members of the Common Council  
200 East Wells Street, Room 202  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

RE: 2006 Asset Forfeiture Plan

Dear Council Members:

Pursuant to Common Council File #920252, the Milwaukee Police Department submits an annual report on anticipated receipt of federally seized forfeiture funds for the next calendar year, together with a plan that includes priorities for the expenditure of such funds.

As of November 28, 2005 the Asset Forfeiture account balance was \$1,084,161.51. Cash receipts of the fund are subject to many variables, among them the uncertainty of whether the Department will receive funds, the exact share of any seized assets the Department will be awarded, and the effects of changes in the Federal guidelines for this program.

In order to enhance the safety of the community and enable the Police Department to increase its effectiveness and efficiency, this plan includes the following items. Historically, about half of the items presented in the plan are eventually funded, based on the needs of the Department throughout the coming fiscal year.

**1. Administrative Fees \$15,000**

The U.S. Marshal's Office recovers its administrative expenses from the value of cash and assets seized. For cash awards, the Police Department receives an amount net of the federal government's legal costs and other expenses. However, the Police Department must make direct payments to offset expenses incurred in seizure of vehicles or other non-monetary property. Payment of these fees allows continued participation in this program.

**2. Arson Unit Equipment \$8,650**

The purchase of this equipment increases officer safety while conducting investigations. The equipment includes but is not limited to respiratory filters, rescue coats and pants and portable floodlights.

**3. Bomb Squad Training & Equipment \$15,000**

These funds will be used to purchase equipment to mitigate and render safe any large vehicle-borne explosive device, specialized training for bomb squad members, and alarms for the explosive bunkers.

**4. Booking & Interrogation Room Upgrades \$60,000**

These funds will allow us to begin upgrading the camera equipment in our booking and interrogation rooms at the Districts and PAB to provide better camera coverage

and audio recordings. This is necessary due to the State Supreme Court rulings resulting from the Avery case.

- 5. Canine Unit \$10,000**  
This funds the food, medical care and boarding for three drug-interdiction canines. Without funding, the Department will be less effective in drug interdiction and subsequently less successful in its attempts to secure federally seized forfeiture funds.
- 6. Cellular Phones & Pagers \$53,500**  
Asset Forfeiture has been critical to funding cell phones, which are an increasingly important tool in community-oriented policing and criminal investigations. The requested pagers are for the homicide division and crisis negotiators, and will be used to facilitate the recall of personnel to assist with major investigations and critical incidents.
- 7. Computer Upgrades \$145,700**  
The Department purchased a significant amount of computer equipment prior to 2001 that is in need of replacement. Computer technology rapidly becomes obsolete and some of these older computers won't run the current software that the department is installing.
- 8. Defibrillators \$26,000**  
These are automatic external devices that are used to resuscitate staff and citizens that have been the victim of cardiac events. These will be distributed to the various Districts.
- 9. Forensic Investigation Software & Hardware \$8,500**  
These funds will be used to purchase equipment that will be capable of capturing a hard drive in the field, a device that can detect wireless access points, and a device that will assist with forensic examination of cell phones and SIM cards.
- 10. Homicide Investigation Equipment \$750**  
This equipment will be utilized by homicide detectives to enhance their ability to process homicide scenes. Equipment includes but is not limited to measuring wheels and presumptive blood test kits.
- 11. Investigative Funds \$50,000**  
This represents funds that are used in criminal investigations, including drug related cases. If these funds were not approved, we would potentially have to suspend or curtail certain types of criminal investigations.
- 12. Radar & Laser Speed Detectors & Holsters \$41,125**  
Replacement of speed detectors has been neglected for a number of years. These funds would allow MPD to replace at least 10 speed detectors and to purchase equipment holsters for the motorcycles to minimize damage.
- 13. Laser Speed Boards \$23,700**

This equipment is used for traffic enforcement. Currently, the Department has five speed detectors, which are in high demand. These funds would allow us to purchase three additional speed detectors.

**14. Lexis/Nexus Fees \$7,500**

This is a search engine that links together public records, publicly available records and proprietary records into a massive database that is a valuable investigative tool. Use of this system increases our efficiency and effectiveness in criminal investigations.

**15. Lights for Warrant Squad Shotguns \$7,200**

The purchase of these lights enhances officer safety. Personnel assigned to the Fugitive Apprehension Unit search daily for dangerous suspects in closets, attics and basements. These lights attach to their service weapons, thereby illuminating the area being searched.

**16. Prisoner Processing Fingerprint and Photo Station \$65,000**

We are in the process of reconfiguring the prisoner processing area to increase productivity and efficiency. An additional fingerprint and photo station in the area is necessary to avoid booking delays caused by the Department of Corrections mandate for juvenile sight and sound separation. An additional terminal will speed the process so that officers are returned to street duty as soon as possible.

**17. Mobile Command Post Update \$250,000**

The current technology in the command post is antiquated. It will not interface with the new Computer Aided Dispatch, Records Management systems or radio infrastructure in any meaningful way. The upgrades include modifications to the power systems, radio consoles, in-vehicle telephone and data communications systems that are integrated with cellular service, landlines and other data connections.

**18. Mounted Patrol \$105,000**

The cost of leasing seven horses for the Mounted Patrol includes all resources employed by the local stable.

**19. Pole Cameras \$100,000**

With these funds, the Department will be able to purchase several portable outdoor camera surveillance systems that could be utilized to combat crime in targeted areas around the City. These units are both a crime deterrent and an investigative tool, when matched with other law enforcement initiatives.

**20. Enhancements to Range \$75,000**

These funds will allow us to add enhancements to the range, the most important of which is 180-degree shooting scenarios. This makes the training much more realistic for the officers because it more closely approximates actual situations. This increases both officer and citizen safety.

**21. Storage of Confiscated Autos \$15,000**

Vehicles that are seized as part of an investigation must be properly secured and securely stored until a hearing examiner determines the final disposition of the case. Use of these funds provides the Police with an investigative tool and serves as a key punitive measure against convicted drug dealers.

- 22. Surveillance Equipment \$77,325**  
This equipment enhances the Department's ability to conduct covert investigations and safely obtain the necessary evidential photos and video footage. This equipment is particularly valuable in investigating and dismantling mid and upper level drug traffickers.
- 23. Tasers \$17,000**  
In 2003, a pilot project for Tasers was funded out of Asset Forfeiture in order to evaluate less-lethal force options. As a result of the pilot, tasers were deployed on a limited basis. These funds will enable the Department to replace damaged or worn out laser equipment.
- 24. TEU Supplies \$5,750**  
The Department's TEU unit conducts search warrants, which requires supplies and equipment to keep them safe in highly volatile and dangerous conditions. Supplies have been perennially funded from forfeitures, which are often directly related to this unit's duties.
- 25. Training \$107,000**  
Asset Forfeiture funds are used for employee training and education. Training prepares employees for greater job responsibilities and increases their effectiveness in regards to their existing duties. Primarily, emphasis is placed on training that consists of narcotics detection and the investigation of drug-related activities. In 2006, we are also using these funds to provide professional communications training, specialized training in the use of electronic surveillance techniques, interviewing techniques for children who are witnesses and/or victims and a "train the trainer" in the State mandated recording of investigative interviews.
- 26. Vice Equipment Maintenance & Repair \$4,000**  
The Vice Control Division does much of the work that results in drug arrests and asset forfeiture seizures. In order to do this, the Division has an inventory of surveillance equipment that needs repair in order to maintain its effectiveness and usefulness.
- 27. Vest Replacement \$50,000**  
The Department's operating resources used to replace officer ballistic vests are finite. The Department is striving to keep the vest replacement cycle at five to six years. These funds would allow us to purchase approximately 100 vests for our officers. The vests are crucial to ensure officer safety.

This plan may be revised, pursuant to the provisions of Common Council File No. 920252, in the event of a change in the Department's needs or priorities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nannette H. Hegerty". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "N".

NANNETTE H. HEGERTY  
CHIEF OF POLICE

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2006 Asset Forfeiture Plan

	Plan Amount	First Resolutor
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Administrative Fees	\$15,000	\$15,000
Arson Unit Equipment	\$8,650	\$8,650
Bomb Squad Equipment & Training	\$15,000	\$15,000
Booking & Interrogation Room Upgrades	\$60,000	\$60,000
Canine Unit	\$10,000	\$10,000
Cellular Phones & Pagers	\$53,500	\$53,500
Computer Upgrades	\$145,700	\$84,500
Defibrillators	\$26,000	\$26,000
Forensic Investigation Hardware & Software	\$8,500	\$8,500
Homicide Investigation Equipment	\$750	\$750
Investigative Funds	\$50,000	\$50,000
Laser and Radar Speed Detectors and Holsters	\$41,125	\$41,125
Laser Speed Boards	\$23,700	\$23,700
Lexis/Nexus Fees	\$7,500	
Lights for Warrant Squad Shotguns	\$7,200	\$7,200
Fingerprint & Booking Terminal for PPS	\$65,000	\$65,000
Mobile Command Post Update	\$250,000	
Mounted Patrol	\$105,000	\$105,000
Pole Cameras	\$100,000	
Range Enhancements	\$75,000	\$75,000
Storage of Confiscated Autos	\$15,000	\$15,000
Surveillance Equipment	\$77,325	\$77,325
Tasers	\$17,000	\$17,000
TEU Supplies	\$5,750	\$5,750
Training	\$107,000	\$107,000
Vice Equipment & Repair	\$4,000	\$4,000
Vest Replacement	\$50,000	
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