

2019 ASSET FORFEITURE REQUESTS

Milwaukee Police Department
Common Council File #920252

Asset Forfeiture Overview

- Total Request: \$960,000
- Key themes:
 - ✓ Risk Management
 - ✓ Officer Safety
 - ✓ Technology
 - ✓ Cost Savings

Asset Forfeiture Myths

- *All of the money is from small time drug busts: **False.*** Asset forfeiture is permitted in various types of crimes (e.g., drug trafficking, child pornography, money laundering), and often the federal drug investigations that result in asset forfeiture are large scale drug operations.
 - SOP 765.10(F): Must be at least \$5,000 for federal money seizures
- *The government is taking money from innocent people: **False.*** For crime-related asset forfeiture there must be a conviction and proof that the property was involved in criminal activity.
- *The police can spend it anything they want: **False.*** There are strict regulations (for both state and federal asset forfeitures) and all spending is subject to an audit.
- *Act 211 requires MPD to report every asset forfeiture to the state website: **False.*** Only applies to state seizures and cases where the local municipality refers state property to a federal agency.

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RE: 2019 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 June 13, 2019, the Asset Forfeiture account balance was \$1,859,917.82. 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, funding of these items has been based on the ever-changing needs of the Department throughout the fiscal year.

1. Patrol and Administrative Bureau Equipment \$185,000

This category accounts for various equipment specific to the patrol and administrative bureau equipment needs. It includes bicycle equipment, dive equipment, speed board subscriptions, a projector, an additional ShotSpotter camera, Specialized Patrol Division firearms and helmets, MIRT equipment (helmets, OC spray, munition), and an x-ray scanner for central booking.

2. Training \$245,000

Training and education increases police officers' effectiveness in their current assignments and prepares them for new assignments and increased responsibility. Training includes a training budget for each Bureau, the Office of the Chief and the Training Division (police academy), as well as a Fair and Impartial Training trainer and funding to send members to polygraph school.

3. Bomb Squad Equipment \$205,000

This money will be used to purchase a cutaway van for bomb squad as well as two bomb suits (including suit, helmet, battery, battery housing and foot protection).

4. Vehicles \$75,000

This money will be used to purchase a fire investigation unit vehicle. The current vehicles assigned to the Fire Investigation Unit do not allow for the separate storage of tools, contaminated turnout gear and arson evidence. The balance will be used for the lease of 4-5 vehicles used in undercover operations.

5. Neighborhood Initiatives \$35,000

This money will be used toward neighborhood initiatives divided among the seven police districts. The neighborhood initiative expenditures were derived from feedback provided by the citizens in those neighborhoods that is permissible under federal asset forfeiture regulations. Requests include: books, bicycles (police and youth), interpretation services, speed boards, sports cards, school supplies, neighborhood watch signage, event tents and cameras.

6. Public Information Office \$20,000

This money will be used for various marketing and communications equipment (e.g. cameras, lighting, and microphones), four MPD backdrops, and funding for marketing campaign(s).

7. OMAP Technology and Office Equipment \$40,000

This money will be used for analytics software, hardware and other equipment for the Office of Management and Planning.

8. Forensics Technology \$115,000

This money will be used to purchase a tool that is used to collect DNA from textured, porous/rough surfaces or other surface areas that traditional collection methods may miss. It can also be used on an item of evidence after traditional methods have been used to collect DNA material and can still result in a usable profile. Cost includes a budget for samples. Samples would initially be used for homicides and cold cases. It will also be used to purchase a scanning total station for forensics users. Cost includes the 3D scanner and the cost to certify an MPD trainer.

9. Explorer and Auxiliary Programs \$40,000

Provides new uniforms to expand Explorers program (currently have 25) and Auxiliary program (currently have 40). Both programs are looking to expand but are limited by the amount of uniforms available. Would double the capacity for both programs.

10. Administrative and Miscellaneous Expenses for Command \$50,000

This category accounts for on-going various small dollar purchases for each Command in addition to expenses incurred in the seizure of vehicles or other non-monetary property. The U.S. Marshall'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 the seizure of vehicles or other

non-monetary property. Payment of these fees allows continued participation in this program.

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,

ALFONSO MORALES
CHIEF OF POLICE

Patrol Bureau Requests

- **Item:** Various Equipment for Patrol Bureau
- **Cost:** \$185,000
- **Explanation:** Various requests for Patrol Bureau, including speed board subscriptions, dive equipment, firearms and helmets.

Neighborhood Initiatives

- **Item:** Neighborhood Initiatives
- **Cost:** \$35,000
- **Explanation:** Each of the seven districts created expenditures derived from feedback provided by the citizens in those neighborhoods. Items include books for children, bicycles, interpretation services, giveaways for children, neighborhood watch signage, pop up tent, speed boards and recognition awards.

DISTRICT ONE

- Books for school children that visit new horse stables

DISTRICT TWO

- 3 Police Bicycles
- Interpretation Services at Crime & Safety Meetings

DISTRICT THREE

- Speed Board
- Community Engagement Programs

DISTRICT FOUR

- Speed Board

DISTRICT FIVE

- Badges (3,000)
- Baseball Cards (5,000)
- Backpack/School Supplies (50)
- Child Bikes (2)
- Teen Bikes (2)
- “Milwaukee Police Fifth District” 10’ x 10’ Pop Up Tent

DISTRICT SIX (in priority order)

- Giveaways for Children
- Packer Cards
- Tattoos
- Stickers
- Bracelets
- Signage (e.g. Neighborhood Watch....)
- Plaques, Certificates in Recognition of Achievement
- Event Tents

DISTRICT SEVEN

- Alley Surveillance Cameras
- Speed Board

Training Items

- **Item:** Increase training budgets + Fair and Impartial Policing training
- **Cost:** \$245,000
- **Explanation:** Increase training budgets by \$50,000 for Patrol Bureau, Criminal Investigations Bureau, Administration Bureau and Training Division (Academy). Increase Office of the Chief budget (OMAP, PIO, Budget & Finance) by \$25,000. Add \$20,000 specifically for a Fair and Impartial Policing trainer.

Vehicle Leasing

- **Item:** Vehicle Leasing
- **Cost:** \$25,000
- **Explanation:** Covers the cost to lease 4-5 vehicles (plus insurance) for undercover operations.

X-Ray Scanner

- **Item:** Boss II Chair
- **Cost:** \$10,000
- **Explanation:** X-ray scanner used to detect secreted and hidden metal objects for use with Central Booking.



Bomb Squad Van

- **Item:** 2019 Ford E-450
- **Cost:** \$140,000
- **Explanation:** Fourteen foot cutaway van (2019 Ford E-450) for bomb squad vehicle.



Bomb Suits

- **Item:** Med-Eng Bomb Suits (2)
- **Cost:** \$65,000
- **Explanation:** Bomb suit including suit, helmet, battery, battery housing and foot protection.



Fire Investigation Unit Vehicle

- **Item:** 2018 Chevrolet Silverado 3500HD or 2018 Chevrolet Express 3500
- **Cost:** \$50,000
- **Explanation:** The current vehicles assigned to the Fire Investigation Unit do not allow for the separate storage of tools, contaminated turnout gear and arson evidence.



Silverado



Express

Public Information Office

- **Item:** PIO Equipment and Initiative
- **Cost:** \$20,000
- **Explanation:** Includes 19 items for marketing and communications (e.g. cameras, lighting, microphones, drone camera), 4 backdrops (1 large for PAB, 1 portable for PIO, 1 large for Academy, 1 portable for Recruiting), and a \$13,000 marketing budget for future campaigns.



OMAP Technology and Office Equipment

- **Item:** ArcGIS Desktop Advanced, Tableau, Keyboard/Mouse combos, Wacom Pro Pen 2, Shredder
- **Cost:** \$40,000
- **Explanation:** Purchase two ArcGIS Desktop Advanced (\$14,000 each for perpetual license), which allow user to analyze data and author geographic knowledge to examine relationships, test predictions and make better decisions. Tableau is analytics software. Wacom Pro Pen 2 is a creative pen display touch.

Explorer and Auxiliary Programs

- **Item:** Explorers and Auxiliary Uniforms
- **Cost:** \$40,000
- **Explanation:** Provides new uniforms to replace old uniforms and allow for the expansion of Explorers program (from 25 to 50) and Auxiliary program (from 40 to 100). Explorers are a youth program and Auxiliary are volunteer adults.



3D Scanner

- **Item:** Trimble SX10
- **Cost:** \$60,000
- **Explanation:** The Trimble SX10 scanning total station allows forensics users to collect any combination of high-density 3D scan data, enhanced Trimble VISION imaging, and high accuracy total station data. It gives forensics users the added advantage of remote measurements so they don't have to stand in harm's way or interfere with other personnel at a crime scene or accident scene. Cost includes the 3D scanner and the cost to certify an MPD trainer.



DNA Technology

- **Item:** M-Vac
- **Cost:** \$55,000
- **Explanation:** M-Vac is a tool that is used to collect DNA from textured, porous/rough surfaces or other surface areas that traditional collection methods (our current practice) may miss. The M-Vac can also be used on an item of evidence after traditional methods have been used to collect DNA material and can still result in a usable profile. Cost includes M-Vac unit plus a budget for samples. Samples would initially be used for homicides and cold cases.



Any Questions?