

Reply to Common Council File No. 040057

From DOA-Budget and Policy Division

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Common Council File 040057 contains a resolution relating to acceptance and expenditure of \$8,142,000 from the Urban Areas Security Initiative Program Grant. The grant period is December 1, 2003 through November 30, 2005.

The United States Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP) has awarded a \$10.2 million grant to the Milwaukee Urban Area, consisting of Milwaukee, Waukesha, and Washington counties. The grant is to enhance security and overall preparedness to prevent, respond to, and recover from terrorism in a multi-jurisdictional, multi-discipline manner. The Wisconsin Department of Justice, Office of Justice Assistance will act as a pass through for the funding, and must obligate at least 80% of funding to the identified Urban Area. The City of Milwaukee will be the fiscal agent of the grant.

The State of Wisconsin has the option of retaining up to 20% of the grant for state operations within the Urban Area. The remaining \$8.1 million will be expended by the City of Milwaukee's Health, Fire, and Police Departments, and the participating Counties. The County funds will be awarded to them through the City's Department of Administration. There are no required local matches for the grant.

Under grant guidelines, an Urban Area Working Group was established with representatives from all counties and the city. This group created an Urban Area Homeland Security Strategy that identified six major goals in a strategic plan that was submitted to and approved by ODP. The corresponding Initial Strategy Implementation Spending Plan is to be submitted to ODP within 60 days of the receipt of funds (grant was awarded March 29, 2004).

**RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE THE RESOLUTION RELATING TO
ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF THE URBAN AREAS SECURITY
INITIATIVE PROGRAM GRANT.**



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