

2022 ASSET FORFEITURE REQUESTS

Milwaukee Police Department
Common Council File #920252

Asset Forfeiture Overview

- Total Request: \$1,477,916
- Key themes:
 - ✓ Department Equipment
 - ✓ Neighborhood Initiatives
 - ✓ Technology
 - ✓ Training

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 455: Seizures must be a minimum of \$5,000
 - As a practical matter, the minimum forfeiture amount is \$10,000.
- *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.

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June 30, 2022

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

RE: 2022 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.

The Federal Asset Forfeiture account balance is approximately \$2,669,662.20. 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. Equipment and Supplies \$675,000**
This category accounts for various equipment and supplies specific to the patrol, criminal investigation and administrative bureaus' operational needs. It includes office equipment, Harbor Patrol navigation systems and motors, protective equipment, security scanner, and auto theft deterrent supplies.
- 2. Neighborhood Initiatives \$45,000**
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 residents and alderpersons in those neighborhoods based on items that are permissible under federal asset forfeiture regulations. Requests include: National Night Out supplies, community event entertainment services (e.g., face painting, DJ, horse rides, etc.), stickers and temporary tattoos for kids, and a backpack giveaway.
- 3. MKE Urban Stables \$100,000**
This money will be used to support the new MKE Urban Stables to fund annual rent. The MKE Urban Stables house the Department's Mounted Patrol. The Mounted Patrol will

provide public education and community service programs for schools and community groups.

- 4. Cameras \$15,000**
This money will be used to purchase a new pole camera for the Specialized Investigations Division and new cameras and cameras lens for police district investigative needs.
- 5. Technology \$300,000**
Replaces our AIM/Early Intervention Program (EIP) system for Internal Affairs, Use of Force and Vehicle Pursuit investigations. Purchase licenses for Fusion Division, NIBIN, General Crimes and Risk Manager.
- 6. Community Relations \$30,000**
Provides funding for various equipment, uniforms and other expenses for the Public Safety Cadets, Auxiliaries and Police Recruit needs. New freezer for ice cream truck. Slow Down signage for districts. Hydroponic garden equipment for community garden.
- 7. Carry Forward 2021 \$200,000**
Carries over funding for previously approved projects that could not be purchased within the past cycle (e.g., supply chain delays) and allows the Department to move previously approved funds into the appropriate account.
- 8. Training \$85,000**
Covers departmentwide training for Fair & Impartial Policing, polygraph examiners and general department training needs.
- 9. 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,

JEFFREY NORMAN
CHIEF OF POLICE

Department Equipment

- **Item:** Equipment and Supplies
- **Cost:** \$675,000
- **Explanation:** This category accounts for various equipment and supplies specific to the patrol, criminal investigation and administrative bureaus' operational needs. It includes office equipment, Harbor Patrol navigation systems and motors, protective equipment, security scanner, and auto theft deterrent supplies.



Neighborhood Initiatives

- **Item:** Neighborhood Initiatives
- **Cost:** \$45,000
- **Explanation:** Each of the seven districts created expenditures derived from feedback provided by the citizens and alders in those neighborhoods. Requests include: National Night Out supplies, community event entertainment services (e.g., face painting, DJ, horse rides, etc.), stickers and temporary tattoos for kids, and a backpack giveaway.

DISTRICT ONE

- Youth giveaways (MPD badge stickers, temporary tattoos, coloring books, etc.)
- Signage for community events
- Portable canopy and tables for community events

DISTRICT TWO

- National Night Out giveaways
- Signage for community events

DISTRICT THREE

- Generator for community events
- Portable canopies and tables for community events
- PA speaker for community events

DISTRICT FOUR

- Youth giveaways (MPD badge stickers, temporary tattoos, t-shirts, etc.)
- McGruff costume
- Community event entertainment (face painting, DJ, horse rides, etc.)
- Portable pizza oven for community events

DISTRICT FIVE

- National Night Out expenses
- Bikes for community events

DISTRICT SIX

- National Night Out expenses
- Expandable tent

DISTRICT SEVEN

- McGruff costume
- Youth giveaways (MPD badge stickers, temporary tattoos, t-shirts, etc.)
- Holiday community event giveaways (Halloween, Christmas and Easter)

MKE Urban Stables

- **Item:** Rent for stables
- **Cost:** \$100,000
- **Explanation:** This money will be used to support the new MKE Urban Stables to fund annual rent. The MKE Urban Stables house the Department's Mounted Patrol. The Mounted Patrol will provide public education and community service programs for schools and community groups.



Cameras

- **Item:** Pole and investigative cameras
- **Cost:** \$15,000
- **Explanation:** This money will be used to purchase a new pole camera for the Specialized Investigations Division and new cameras and cameras lens for police district investigative needs.

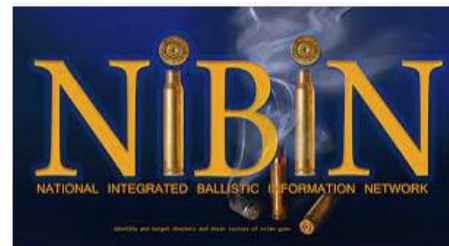


Technology

- **Item:** Software and a camera
- **Cost:** \$300,000
- **Explanation:** Replaces our AIM/Early Intervention Program (EIP) system for Internal Affairs, Use of Force and Vehicle Pursuit investigations. Purchase licenses for Fusion Division, NIBIN, General Crimes and Risk Manager.

**Early Intervention
Program**
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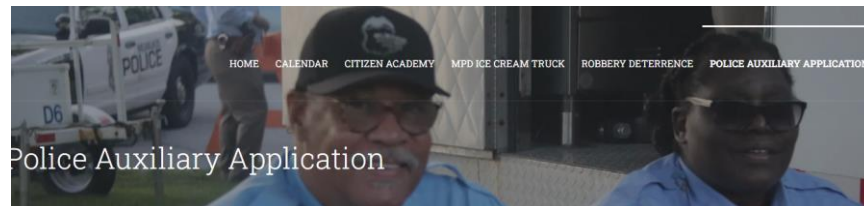
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Community Relations

- **Item:** Equipment for traffic enforcement
- **Cost:** \$30,000
- **Explanation:** Provides funding for various equipment, uniforms and other expenses for the Public Safety Cadets, Auxiliaries and Police Recruit needs. New freezer for ice cream truck. Slow Down signage for districts. Hydroponic garden equipment for community garden.



Carry Forward 2021

- **Item:** Various equipment for specialized units
- **Cost:** \$200,000
- **Explanation:** Carries over funding for previously approved projects that could not be purchased within the past cycle (e.g., supply chain delays) and allows the Department to move previously approved funds into the appropriate account.

Training

- **Item:** Funds departmentwide training costs
- **Cost:** \$85,000
- **Explanation:** Covers departmentwide training for Fair & Impartial Policing, polygraph examiners and general department training needs.



Any Questions?