



**Police Department**

**Edward A. Flynn**  
Chief of Police

December 6, 2010

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

RE: 2011 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 December 3, 2010, the Asset Forfeiture account balance was \$1,637,222.74. 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 effect of changes in the Federal guidelines for this program.

In order to enhance the safety of the community and enable the Milwaukee 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 through out the fiscal year.

**1. Administrative Fees \$10,000**

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 the seizure of vehicles or other non-monetary property. Payment of these fees allows continued participation in this program.

**2. Bicycle Patrol \$10,000**

The bicycle program augments the beat program and park & walk programs. The bicycle program allows police officers to have closer contact with the public, engage in crime control and prevention activities and yet have the capability of quickly responding to emergency calls for service in the assigned patrol areas. These funds will provide replacement equipment for the bicycle patrol.

**3. Canine Unit \$5,000**

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.

- 4. Cellular Phones** **\$25,000**  
These funds continue support for cellular telephones for field officers and investigative personnel assigned to field activities, permitting them to call citizens about service requests and investigations.
- 5. Digital Radio Communications Equipment** **\$800,000**  
Digital radio equipment, including portable (hand-held) radios, mobile (vehicle) radios, system infrastructure equipment and facilities to enhance the digital radio system and facilitate police vehicle setup.
- 6. In-Car Video Cameras** **\$150,000**  
In-car video cameras record pursuits, traffic stops and the rear passenger compartment of police vehicles. These funds will augment grant funding to equip additional police vehicles with cameras
- 7. Tactical Equipment** **\$120,000**  
The Department's officers including tactical units conduct high risk, potentially dangerous operations including search warrants, response to barricaded subjects, hostage rescue and other similar tasks. These funds will purchase supplies and equipment to prepare for these events and maximize officer safety in highly volatile and dangerous situations.
- 8. Technology Services** **\$150,000**  
The department anticipates the need for additional funding in order to resolve information technology equipment and technical needs and complete various projects.
- 9. Training** **\$100,000**  
Training and education increases police officers' effectiveness in their current assignments and prepares them for new assignments and increased responsibility

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 dark ink, appearing to read "Edward A. Flynn", with a stylized flourish at the end.

EDWARD A. FLYNN  
CHIEF OF POLICE

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