

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU FISCAL ANALYSIS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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Item 15, File #100866

File Number 100866 is a resolution authorizing the Police Department to apply for, accept and expend a Speed Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$60,000 from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Safety.

Background

1. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Safety, makes various grants available to law enforcement agencies for initiatives that promote safe driving. One of these grants, the Speed Enforcement Grant, provides funding to enhance efforts to implement a policy of zero tolerance for speeding and aggressive driving. A secondary priority of this grant program is to enforce Wisconsin's seat belt law.
2. The Milwaukee Police Department has been receiving Speed Enforcement Grant funds for several years. Most recently, MPD received \$35,000 in both 2008 and 2009 (CC Files 081168 and 090869). Grant proceeds have been primarily used to fund police overtime related to speed-limit enforcement.
3. Application and coordination of the Speed Enforcement Grant initiative is done within MPD's Neighborhood Task Force. Utilizing primarily the Motorcycle Unit, a concerted effort is made to cite speeding and aggressive drivers during certain times (primarily 2:00 – 7:00 p.m.) and certain days (designated saturation patrols).
4. The Police Department provided the following data on the number of speeding and seat belt citations issued under the Speed Enforcement Grant initiative:

	<u>Speeding</u>	<u>Seat Belt</u>
10/01/07 – 9/30/08	902	228
10/01/08 – 9/30/09	1,213	633
02/01/10 – 9/30/10	1,075	225

5. It appears that the City (MPD) is eligible for another year of Speed Enforcement Grant funding.

Discussion

1. This resolution authorizes the Police Department to apply for, accept and expend a 2010-11 Speed Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$60,000 from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Safety.
2. The grant period for this grant extends from October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011.
3. This project is 100% grantor-funded; there is no City cash match or in-kind contribution.

4. The majority of the grant proceeds -- \$55,160 (91.9%) – will be used to fund MPD overtime expenditures. The remainder will be used to purchase equipment related to speed-limit enforcement activities (e.g., red and blue LED lights).

Fiscal Impact

This resolution authorizes the receipt and expenditure of \$60,000 in state grant dollars. It does not obligate the City to make a cash match or in-kind contribution.

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