

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU FISCAL ANALYSIS

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 9, 2010
Item 20, File #100845**

File Number 100845 is a resolution authorizing the Police Department to apply for, accept and expend an Alcohol Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$50,000 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 Alcohol Enforcement Grant, provides funding to assist in the detection and apprehension of motor vehicle operators driving under the influence of intoxicants or controlled substances.
2. The Milwaukee Police Department has been receiving Alcohol Enforcement Grant funds since 2003. Most recently, MPD received \$30,000 and \$50,000 in 2008 and 2009, respectively (CC Files 081169 and 090876). Grant proceeds have been primarily used to fund police overtime related to OWI enforcement.
3. Application and coordination of the Alcohol Enforcement Grant initiative is done within MPD's Neighborhood Task Force. Utilizing primarily the Motorcycle Unit, a concerted effort is made to identify and cite motor vehicle operators driving under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance. Per grant requirements, this initiative is specifically undertaken between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m.
4. The Police Department provided the following data on the number of OWI arrests under the Alcohol Enforcement Grant Initiative:

10/01/07 – 9/30/08	74 arrests
10/01/08 – 9/30/09	54 arrests
12/01/09 – 9/30/10	125 arrests (an additional 967 citations were issued for other violations)
5. It appears that the City (MPD) is eligible for another year of Alcohol Enforcement Grant funding.

Discussion

1. This resolution authorizes the Police Department to apply for, accept and expend a 2010-11 Alcohol Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$50,000 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 -- \$45,055 (90.1%) – will be used to fund MPD overtime expenditures. The remainder will be used to purchase equipment related to the administration of field sobriety tests.

Fiscal Impact

This resolution authorizes the receipt and expenditure of \$50,000 in state grant dollars. It does not obligate the City to make a cash match or in-kind contribution.

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