

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU FISCAL ANALYSIS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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Item 8, File #101045

File Number 101045 is a resolution authorizing the Police Department to renew its ATF Milwaukee Firearms/Violent Crimes Impact Team task force grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The grant will be in the amount of \$140,000.

Background

1. The Milwaukee Police Department's Firearms Trafficking Task Force coordinates law enforcement activities addressing transfers and possession of firearms in violation of state and federal laws. Essentially, an MPD detective works with federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives ("ATF") personnel to track questionable firearm transfers and other firearm activities. This coordination is particularly important due to the potential for violence in undercover or sting operations.
2. Another MPD unit, the Violent Crimes Impact Team, conducts long-term investigations into violent criminals associated with street gangs or well-organized crime units. This team consists of two detectives and four police officers who work in concert with ATF personnel. Both the Firearms Trafficking Task Force and the Violent Crimes Impact Team are housed in MPD's Criminal Investigation Bureau.
3. Both the Firearms Trafficking Task Force and the Violent Crimes Impact Team are funded by a grant from the ATF. Most recently, the City received \$150,000 in ATF Milwaukee Firearms /Violent Crimes Impact Team task force grant funding in the amount of \$150,000 for the period October 1, 2009, to September 30, 2010.
4. Grant proceeds are used entirely to fund MPD overtime expenses associated with the Firearms Trafficking Task Force and the Violent Crimes Impact Team.

Discussion

1. This resolution authorizes the Police Department to renew its ATF Milwaukee Firearms/Violent Crimes Impact Team task force grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, with the grant amount being \$140,000.
2. The grant period is October 1, 2010, through September 30, 2011.
3. No local/City match is required for this grant-funded project.

Fiscal Impact

Acceptance of this grant funding requires no City participation and has no impact on the tax levy.

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