

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

ASSET FORFEITURE REQUEST - 2023



OVERVIEW

- TOTAL FUNDING: \$1,654,298.70
- Key Themes:
 - Department Equipment & Supplies
 - Community Engagement & Relations
 - 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.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- **Item:** Community Engagement
- **Cost:** \$130,862.00
- **Explanation:** Various community giveaways such as pens, badge stickers, and magnets with QR code for self reporting. Community events such as National Night Out, Faith & Blue, Adopt-a-School, and Shop With A Cop.

EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES

- **Item:** Equipment & Supplies
- **Cost:** \$494,747.13
- **Explanation:** Various equipment specific to patrol, criminal investigation, and administrative bureaus' operational needs. Including multi gas detector, ballistic shields, patrol rifle lights, extraction equipment, and motorcycle lift.

MKE URBAN STABLES

- **Item:** MKE Urban Stables Lease
- **Cost:** \$100,800.00
- **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.

TRAINING

- **Item:** Training
- **Cost:** \$95,000.00
- **Explanation:** Various department training throughout the year including polygraph training, mobile device investigations, command leadership, and public safety cadet national competitive training conference.

OFFICE FURNITURE/BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

- **Item:** Office Furniture/Building Improvements
- **Cost:** \$125,522.31
- **Explanation:** Various office furniture throughout the department, file cabinets, office chairs, additional storage, and improvements such as outdoor break space.

TECHNOLOGY

- **Item:** Technology
- **Cost:** \$311,958.26
- **Explanation:** Various contracts including Traffic Cloud software for speed boards, Microsoft server data center licenses, Acadis subscription for Police Academy, and LexisNexis subscription.

UNIFORM

- **Item:** Uniform
- **Cost:** \$23,574.00
- **Explanation:** Purchase of auxiliary officer uniforms and jackets.

SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

- **Item:** Safety Improvements
- **Cost:** \$21,835.00
- **Explanation:** AED for District Supervisor vehicles and Sensitive Crimes Division.

CARRY FORWARD

- **Item:** Carry Forward
- **Cost:** \$350,000.00
- **Explanation:** Finalizing projects approved in 2022, including duty weapon transition, Harbor Patrol navigation system for boats, and cadet program costs.