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

RE:

2014 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 June 26, 2014, the Asset Forfeiture account balance was \$670,985.12. 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 effects of changes in the Federal guidelines for this program.

In order to enhance the safety of the community and enable the 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. Install Tech Equipment for Internal Affairs Move

\$115,000

This request is to accommodate the temporary relocation of the Internal Affairs Division. These funds will cover the installation of technology related items such as card access, video cameras, radio amplifier, phone boosters, fiber cable installation, phone system, network equipment and all related wiring for communications and data.

2. Portable Radios

\$129,500

These funds will be used for the purchase of 35 additional portable radios.

3. Travel/Training

\$110,000

Training and education increases police officers' effectiveness in their current assignments and prepares them for new assignments and increased responsibility.

4. Develop Inspections Management Software Systems

\$120,000

This request is to create a software system that is cloud-based which will enable the Inspections Division and all other work locations to actively interface with each other the immediate status of Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG) standard compliance. Inspections members will be able to go to work locations with a tablet and "check off" or make comments on work location compliance of all WILEAG standards in real time. The software will enable work locations to get immediate feedback as to how well their work location is complying with these standards and show immediately what areas are in need of improvements.

5. Upgrade Fusion Center Cellebrite Decoding System

\$26,252

These funds will be used to upgrade our existing Cellebrite units and purchase 1 additional unit. This equipment allows for the extraction, decoding analysis, and reporting of mobile data. It performs the physical, logical, file system, and password extraction of all data from a wide range of phones, GPS devices, and tablets.

6. Furniture (Internal Affairs/Academy)

\$33,000

These funds will be used for the purchase of furniture and related data and phone wiring for the Inspections area at the Academy.

7. Replace 2 Compressors at Kilbourn Radio Tower Site

\$17,000

This work is needed to replace 2 compressors in a department building at the Kilbourn Reservoir which houses radio communication equipment.

8. Bicycle Patrol

\$10,000

The bicycle program augments the beat program and park and 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.

9. 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.

10. Canine Unit

\$6,000

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.

This category accounts for on-going various small dollar purchases in addition to expenses incurred in the seizure of vehicles or other non-monetary property. The U.S. Marshall'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.

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,

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CHIEF OF POLICE

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