

LRB – RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
ITEM 11, FILE #081424

FEBRUARY 25, 2009

File #081424 authorizes the Milwaukee Police Department’s continued participation in a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (“HIDTA”) project via application, acceptance and funding of 4 separate HIDTA grant awards. Acceptance and continued involvement in the Milwaukee HIDTA project and its various task forces requires a City contribution of \$1,008,087 to the \$1,884,791 grant. The U.S. Office of National Drug Control Policy (“ONDCP”) provides the remaining \$876,704. These grants provide funding for 17 sworn positions within the MPD for calendar 2009.

BACKGROUND

The mission of the national HIDTA program is to disrupt the market for illegal drugs in the United States by assisting federal, state, and local law enforcement entities participating in the program in dismantling and disrupting drug trafficking organizations, with particular emphasis on drug trafficking regions that have harmful effects on other parts of the United States.

The Milwaukee HIDTA region encompasses the four southeastern counties in the state of Wisconsin – Waukesha, Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha – and includes the state’s major population center, the City of Milwaukee. The blend of rural and urban areas in the region, interstate highways and proximity to Chicago make the region an ideal habitat for the smuggling, transporting, distribution and consumption of illegal drugs.

The goal of the Milwaukee HIDTA is, through multi-jurisdictional cooperation and enhanced intelligence processes, to substantially reduce organized drug distribution, drug related violent crime and money laundering, and the demand for illegal drugs within the Milwaukee HIDTA.

DISCUSSION

➤ **Positions**

Seventeen sworn MPD positions will participate in the Milwaukee HIDTA program in 2009, one fewer than 2008. Position and task force assignment in 2009 versus 2008 is as follows:

MPD Milwaukee HIDTA Program Participation

POSITION	2008	2009
<i>Joint Drug Gang Task Force</i>		
• Captain	1	1
• Lieutenant	1	1
• Detective	9	7
• Police Officer	1	2
<i>Regional Enforcement Activity for Current Threats</i>		
• Detective	3	4
• Police Officer	1	0
<i>Fugitive Task Force</i>		
• Police Officer	1	1
<i>Intelligence & Technical Support Center</i>		
• Police Officer	1	1
Total Positions	18	17

➤ **Funding**

The Milwaukee Police Department’s continued participation in the HIDTA program is financed via four separate grants totaling \$1,884,791, of which \$1,008,087 (53.5%) is provided by the City of Milwaukee and \$876,704 (46.5%) is provided by the ONDCP. The \$876,704 in grantor funds reimburse the City for a portion of salary and fringe benefit costs while also covering all overtime, undercover (UC) vehicles and supporting expenses.

The table below displays the funding breakdown by task force for both 2008 and 2009. City of Milwaukee participation in the HIDTA program increases \$39,229 while ONDCP funding is reduced \$67,622, for a net reduction in total grant funding of \$28,393 in 2009 versus 2008.

HIDTA Funding Detail

	2008 City	2008 ONDCP	2008 Total	2009 City	2009 ONDCP	2009 Total
Joint Drug Gang Task Force						
Salaries & Fringes	\$654,946	\$426,448	\$1,081,394	\$655,913	\$373,989	\$1,029,902
Overtime	0	141,801	141,801	0	128,910	128,910
UC Vehicles	0	33,000	33,000	0	31,362	31,362
Other	0	0	0	0	10,000	10,000
R.E.A.C.T.						
Salaries & Fringes	216,158	134,060	350,218	245,276	127,006	372,282
Overtime	0	53,673	53,673	0	53,673	53,673
UC Vehicles	0	19,200	19,200	0	18,851	18,851
Confidential Funds	0	35,000	35,000	0	35,000	35,000
Fugitive Task Force						
Salary & Fringes	48,877	31,681	80,558	53,449	30,014	83,463
Overtime	0	12,891	12,891	0	12,891	12,891
UC Vehicle	0	6,000	6,000	0	6,139	6,139
Intel & Tech Support Center						
Salary & Fringes	48,877	31,681	80,558	53,449	30,014	83,463
Overtime	0	12,891	12,891	0	12,891	12,891
UC Vehicle	0	6,000	6,000	0	5,964	5,964
TOTAL	\$968,858	\$944,326	\$1,913,184	\$1,008,087	\$876,704	\$1,884,791

FISCAL IMPACT

Acceptance of the \$1,884,791 in total HIDTA project awards requires and includes City of Milwaukee participation of \$1,008,087.

The 2009 Positions Ordinance will be amended to reflect that position authority for the impacted positions shall expire on December 31, 2009 if HIDTA funding and the HIDTA project are discontinued. In addition, one Detective position will be removed from the 2009 Positions Ordinance to reflect the net reduction of one grant funded position in 2009 versus 2008.

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