

**LRB – RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
ITEM 10, FILE #081541**

**MARCH 11, 2009**

**File #081541 authorizes the Milwaukee Police Department to apply for, accept and fund a Homeland Security/Hazardous Device Unit and Southeastern Wisconsin Terrorism Alert Center Enhancements Grant in the amount of \$49,269. Proceeds will be used to purchase select anti-terrorism equipment and related software support. This 100% donor funded grant, available as a result of homeland security “turn back funds”, is required to be spent by March 31, 2009.**

**BACKGROUND**

A core mission of the Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) is to enhance the ability of state and local governments to prepare, prevent, respond to and recover from terrorist attacks and other disasters. As one of the primary homeland security grant programs within DHS, the Urban Areas Security Initiative (“UASI”) focuses on enhancing regional preparedness in major metropolitan areas, intended to assist participating jurisdictions in developing integrated regional systems for terrorist/disaster prevention, protection, response, and recovery.

In 2005, so-called “fusion centers” were made a priority of the UASI program. These fusion centers act with an analytical focus to sift through information, observations, concerns, and intelligence sent in by law enforcement, emergency services, critical infrastructure, and the private and public sectors. Through the collection, analysis and timely dissemination of these varied sources of information, the intent is to detect, deter and prevent future terrorist acts.

Wisconsin has two such fusion centers: the Wisconsin Statewide Information Center (“WSIC”) and its satellite office, the Southeastern Wisconsin Terrorism Alert Center (“STAC”). The STAC, housed in the Intelligence Division of the Milwaukee Police Department and entirely grant funded, provides support for the intelligence analytical requirements within the UASI of Greater Milwaukee, which includes the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Washington and Waukesha Counties.

**DISCUSSION**

The \$49,269 grant will be used to purchase equipment and software that can be utilized by both the STAC and the Police Department’s Hazardous Device Unit. Funds are provided by DHS “turn back funds” (monies not applied for, accepted or utilized) from the Year 2005 UASI grant program.

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>
Spectrometer	\$31,000
Handheld Robotic Manipulator	5,000
Surveillance Equipment	4,233
Other (*)	<u>9,036</u>
Total	\$49,269

(\*) Maintenance for Penlink software, Notebook support and Terrorist Database usage.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

This grant is administered through the State of Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance. Acceptance requires no city participation and has no impact on the tax levy.

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