

LRB – RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
FILE #090869**

NOVEMBER 19, 2009

File #090869 authorizes the Milwaukee Police Department to apply for, accept and fund a Speed Enforcement Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation – Bureau of Transportation Safety in the amount of \$35,000. Proceeds are directed to police overtime costs, and necessary equipment, relating to enhanced efforts to adopt a zero tolerance for speed and aggressive driving during all motor vehicle stops. Identifying unrestrained occupants is a secondary priority of this grant program. The 100% donor funded grant is for the period October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010.

BACKGROUND

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation – Bureau of Transportation Safety makes various grants available to law enforcement agencies for initiatives that promote and encourage safe driving.

The following table provides information on recent speed enforcement grants – termed either a “Speed and Aggressive Driving Enforcement Grant” or a “Speed Enforcement Grant” - from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation – Bureau of Transportation Safety that required Common Council approval.

<i>File</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Grantor Share</i>	<i>City Share</i>	<i>Total</i>
#061396	1/01/07 – 9/30/07	\$24,999	\$6,250	\$31,249
#071317	10/01/07 – 9/30/08	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000
#081168	10/01/08 – 9/30/09	\$35,000	\$0	\$35,000

DISCUSSION

Application and coordination of the Speed Enforcement Grant initiative is done within the Neighborhood Task Force. Utilizing primarily the Motorcycle Unit, a concerted effort is made to cite speeding and aggressive drivers during certain times (primarily 2:00 – 7:00 p.m.) and certain days (designated saturation patrols). The following table provides recent activity statistics for this enforcement initiative.

GRANT FUNDED SPEEDING & SEATBELT CITATION HISTORY

	10/01/06 – 9/30/07	10/01/07 – 9/30/08	10/01/08 – 9/30/09
Speeding Citations	1,041	902	1,213
Seatbelt Citations	133	228	633

This file authorizes acceptance and funding of the continuing Speed Enforcement grant for the period October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010. Proceeds in the amount of \$35,000 equal prior period funding for this initiative.

FISCAL IMPACT

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

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