

## LRB – RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
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File #091120 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. These grants provide funding for 16 sworn positions within MPD for calendar 2010. Acceptance and continued involvement in the Milwaukee HIDTA project and its various task forces during 2010 requires a City contribution of \$964,091 to the \$1,780,527 grant. The U.S. Office of National Drug Control Policy ("ONDCP") provides the remaining \$816,436.

### **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**

Sixteen sworn MPD positions will participate in the Milwaukee HIDTA program in 2010, one fewer than 2009. HIDTA project funding for one Captain of Police position has been eliminated in 2010 and accounts for this reduction. The following chart provides position funding and task force assignment for calendar 2008, 2009 and 2010.

*MPD Milwaukee HIDTA Program Participation*

POSITION	2008	2009	2010
<i>Joint Drug Gang Task Force</i>			
• Captain	1	1	0
• Lieutenant	1	1	1
• Detective	9	7	7
• Police Officer	1	2	2
<i>Regional Enforcement Activity for Current Threats</i>			
• Detective	3	4	4
• Police Officer	1	0	0
<i>Fugitive Task Force</i>			
• Police Officer	1	1	1
<i>Intelligence &amp; Technical Support Center</i>			
• Police Officer	1	1	1
<b>Total Positions</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>

## ➤ Funding

The Milwaukee Police Department's continued participation in the HIDTA program is financed via four separate grants totaling \$1,780,527, of which \$964,091 (54%) is provided by the City of Milwaukee and \$816,436 (46%) is provided by the ONDCP. (This cost sharing split of 54/46 is roughly equal to 2009.) The \$816,436 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 2009 and 2010. The HIDTA program grant declines by \$104,264 in 2010 - reflected in both reduced City and ONDCP participation – primarily due to the elimination of one project Captain position.

*2009 and 2010 HIDTA Funding Detail*

	2009 City	2009 ONDCP	2009 Total	2010 City	2010 ONDCP	2010 Total
<b>Joint Drug Gang Task Force</b>						
Salaries & Fringes	\$ 655,913	\$373,989	\$1,029,902	\$601,525	\$316,478	\$ 918,003
Overtime	0	128,910	128,910	0	135,000	135,000
Lease 7 UC Vehicles	0	31,362	31,362	0	13,068	13,068
PEPI	0	10,000	10,000	0	40,000	40,000
Purchase 4 Vehicles	0	0	0	0	36,350	36,350
<b>R.E.A.C.T.</b>						
Salaries & Fringes	245,276	127,006	372,282	252,332	119,950	372,282
Overtime	0	53,673	53,673	0	54,000	54,000
Lease 3 UC Vehicles	0	18,851	18,851	0	7,855	7,855
Confidential Funds	0	35,000	35,000	0	0	0
<b>Fugitive Task Force</b>						
Salary & Fringes	53,449	30,014	83,463	55,117	28,346	83,463
Overtime	0	12,891	12,891	0	13,500	13,500
Lease 1 UC Vehicle	0	6,139	6,139	0	2,558	2,558
PEPI	0	0	0	0	5,000	5,000
<b>Intel &amp; Tech Support Center</b>						
Salary & Fringes	53,449	30,014	83,463	55,117	28,346	83,463
Overtime	0	12,891	12,891	0	13,500	13,500
Lease 1 UC Vehicle	0	5,964	5,964	0	2,485	2,485
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,008,087</b>	<b>\$876,704</b>	<b>\$1,884,791</b>	<b>\$964,091</b>	<b>\$816,436</b>	<b>\$1,780,527</b>

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Acceptance of the \$1,780,527 in total 2010 HIDTA project awards requires and includes \$964,091 in City of Milwaukee participation.

With acceptance, the 2010 Positions Ordinance shall be amended to reflect that position authority for the 16 impacted positions shall expire on December 31, 2010 if HIDTA funding and the HIDTA project are discontinued. In addition, one Captain of Police position shall be removed from the 2010 Positions Ordinance to reflect the net reduction of one grant funded position in 2010 versus 2009.

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