

LRB – RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
FILE #091121**

JANUARY 7, 2010

File #091121 authorizes the application and acceptance of a \$247,500 Community Policing Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Justice for the Milwaukee Police Department's 2009/2010 Neighborhood Safety Initiative. Proceeds will be used to fund overtime expenses related to various safety initiatives ("SIs") within the MPD, with a particular focus on thefts from motor vehicles, burglaries and street robberies. This 100% donor funded grant covers the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

BACKGROUND

In May 2007, the MPD initiated the "Neighborhood Safety Initiative", a proactive directed patrol initiative that focused on specific areas of the city in which incidents of homicides, non-fatal shootings, armed robberies, gun-related offenses, recovered firearms, search warrants, and "shots fired" calls were high. Conducted throughout the summer of 2007, the NSI was comprised of squad and beat patrol officers who concentrated on traffic stops, field interviews of suspicious subjects and positive citizen contacts in those areas with high incidences of violent crime.

In concert with this initiative, Wisconsin's 2007-2009 biennium budget provided \$250,000 in each year to the City of Milwaukee for a Community Policing Grant, with proceeds to be directed to "activities related to decentralized law enforcement and crime prevention in targeted neighborhoods that suffer from high levels of violent and drug-related crime". Thus, **File #071236** and **File #080289** approved acceptance of a total of \$500,000 in Community Policing Grant funds covering the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009.

DISCUSSION

The State of Wisconsin's 2009-2011 biennium budget provides \$247,500 in each year for the City's continued efforts to combat and reduce crime, fear and disorder. This Community Policing Grant, which encompasses the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, will be used for various safety initiative activities, in particular funding overtime of police personnel focusing on thefts from motor vehicles, burglaries and street robberies.

FISCAL IMPACT

Acceptance of this grant requires no City financial participation.

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