

LRB – RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
FILE #091136**

JANUARY 7, 2010

File #091136 authorizes the Milwaukee Police Department to apply for, accept and fund a 2010 Milwaukee Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Grant (“MMDEG”) from the U.S. Department of Justice – Bureau of Justice Assistance in the amount of \$276,117, with a grantor share of \$186,130 and a City share of \$89,987. The MMDEG funds 3 sworn positions who, in concert with other participating jurisdictions, concentrate on reducing the volume of controlled substances in the greater Milwaukee area via increased enforcement and drug seizure activity. This one-year continuing project grant runs from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010.

BACKGROUND

The Milwaukee Police Department has been a long-standing participant in the MMDEG program, which is administered through the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance and the Milwaukee County District Attorney’s Office. Grant proceeds are used to fund positions that participate in a multi-jurisdictional task force, whose goal is to prevent and suppress illegal drug activity in the greater Milwaukee area. Current participants in this project include the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County District Attorney’s Office, South Milwaukee and West Allis.

Through the years, the Milwaukee Police Department positions funded by this grant have varied, from Office Assistants only (1998) to Police Officers only (2003 and 2004). Beginning in 2006, this grant has funded 3 positions: a Lieutenant of Detectives, a Detective and a Police Officer.

Presented below are select annual statistics relating to the efforts of the MMDEG funded task force:

MMDEG Statistics

Statistic	2006	2007	2008	2009 (*)
Persons Arrested	55	61	71	79
U.S. Currency Seized	\$69,408	\$115,758	\$262,680	\$204,175
Firearms Seized	19	17	15	20
Vehicles Seized	2	6	3	6
Marijuana	1,216 grams	817,386 grams	5,311 grams	22,782 grams
Cocaine	4,129 grams	912 grams	2,105 grams	327 grams
Cocaine Base	539 grams	240 grams	229 grams	114 grams
Heroin	119 grams	0 grams	57 grams	24 grams
Ectasy Tablets	0	403	0	34
Oxycontin Pills	7	0	2	219

(*) Thru November 30, 2009

DISCUSSION

➤ Positions

As was the case in the prior three years, the MMDEG will again fund the salary and fringe benefits of the following positions:

2009 MMDEG POSITION FUNDING

Position	#
Lieutenant of Detectives	1
Detective	1
Police Officer	1

➤ Funding

The table below displays recent MMDEG awards to the City of Milwaukee for continued participation in the multi-jurisdictional task force. For years 2006, 2007 and 2008, grantor participation included “confidential” funds (requiring no City participation) of \$40,000, \$40,000 and \$26,241 respectively. Beginning in 2009, the grant has solely provided monies for the three sworn positions. While the total 2010 grant award remains unchanged from 2009, City participation decreases roughly \$6,200.

GRANT PARTICIPATION DETAIL

	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>
Grantor	\$209,525	\$221,438	\$209,085	\$179,938	\$186,130
City In-Kind	<u>63,479</u>	<u>72,970</u>	<u>72,123</u>	<u>96,179</u>	<u>89,987</u>
Total	\$273,004	\$294,408	\$281,208	\$276,117	\$276,117

FISCAL IMPACT

Acceptance of this Milwaukee Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Grant and continued 2010 participation in the multi-jurisdictional task force, requires City participation of \$89,987. With acceptance, the 2010 Positions Ordinance shall be amended to reflect that position authority for the 3 impacted positions shall expire on December 31, 2010 unless the MMDEG is extended.

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