



## Request for City Council Committee Action

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To Public Safety and Regulatory Services Committee  
Referral to Ways and Means Committee

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Approved by William P. McManus, Chief of Police, \_\_\_\_\_

**Subject 2004 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Award**

**Presenters in Committee** D. C. Sharon Lubinski, Field Services, Police Department

### Recommendation

The Police Department respectfully requests permission to accept the U.S DOJ Bureau of Justice Assistance 2004 Local Law Enforcement Grant Program grant award and that the proper city officials be authorized to execute the required contract agreements. The Department also requests an amendment to the general appropriation resolution for 2004 in the amount of \$200,190. \$176,414 of the grant award will operate through the City Attorney Federal Grant Special Revenue Fund, 0300-140-1410, Revenue Source 3210, and \$23,776 of the grant award will operate through the Police Department Federal Grant Special Revenue Fund, 0300-400-P611, revenue source 3210.

#### Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget

Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget

Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase

Action requires use of contingency or reserves

Other financial impact (Explain):

Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

### Background/Supporting Information

The Police Department requests permission to proceed with an application to the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance under the federal 2004 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG). The grant award to the city is \$200,190, with a required local match of \$23,243, to be expended over the next two years. The required local match will be met from eligible costs in the City Attorney's Office general fund.

Funds awarded under this Block Grant will be used to provide staff support in the City Attorney's Office to respond to misdemeanor violations and citations made by the Department's Community Response Teams and CODEFOR. Funds will also be used to enhance the operational capabilities of the Police Department.

## **U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance 2003 Block Grant to the City of Minneapolis**

Under the 2004 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, the City of Minneapolis is eligible to receive \$351,211 for projects to reduce crime and improve public safety. The block grant requires a local match of ten percent.

This funding will be shared with Hennepin County. The County will receive \$151,021 and will provide the local match on their funds.

The Minneapolis Police Department proposes the following expenditures for the \$200,190 in grant funds and \$22,243 in matching funds from the eligible City Attorney General Fund expenditures.

According to Federal Guidelines, the grant can be used in seven areas:

- 1. Law enforcement support for hiring, training and employing additional law enforcement officers and support personnel, paying overtime to presently employed officers and support personnel, and procuring equipment, technology and other materials.**
- 2. Enhancing security measures in and around schools or any other facility/location the municipality considers a special risk for incidents of crime.**
- 3. Establishing and supporting drug courts.**
- 4. Enhancing the adjudication of cases involving violent offenders including violent juvenile offenders.**
- 5. Establishing a multi-jurisdictional task force to prevent and control crime.**
- 6. Establishing crime prevention programs.**
- 7. Defraying the cost of indemnification insurance for law enforcement officers.**

The City of Minneapolis has several goals it wishes to accomplish with the Block Grant funds. They are:

**Enhance neighborhood livability in the city  
Compliment the city's commitment to the Community Oriented Policing  
Program  
Enhance community response to crime problems  
Enhance law enforcement system's ability to respond to chronic  
misdemeanants who terrorize neighborhoods with consistent disorderly  
behavior**

In order to be more efficient with limited resources, the City intends to include in its application initiatives that build upon existing programs that need expanded funding, new initiatives that address unfunded priority needs, and partnerships with the community and other entities for initiatives that cross jurisdictional lines.

The suggested categories for 2003 Block Grant funding of the proposed initiatives are:

<b>1. Misdemeanor Enforcement Program - City Attorney, 8<sup>th</sup> year funding</b>	<b>\$176,414</b>
<b>2. Overtime - for patrol and investigative initiatives</b>	<b>\$11,900</b>
<b>3. Equipment for Precinct patrols, and other investigative and support service needs.</b>	<b>\$11,876</b>
	<hr/> <b>\$200,190</b>