



Request for City Council Committee Action

Date September 24, 2003

To Public Safety and Regulatory Services Committee
Referral to

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Approved by Robert K. Olson, Chief of Police, _____

Subject 2003 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Award Request for Public Hearing

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

Recommendation

The Minneapolis Police Department respectfully requests that the Public Safety and Regulatory Services Committee accept public comment on the proposed grant expenditures in accordance with the 2003 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant requirements, and recommends that the proper City Officers be directed to convey to the federal government the required details relating to the public hearing, including the date and number of residents attending. No additional committee action is requested.

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 the setting of a public hearing to discuss the proposed expenditures of the 2003 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) from the Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance. The city's block grant award is for \$486,095, with a required local match of \$55,011 to be expended over the next two years. The Police Department proposes to provide the local match from eligible expenditures from the City Attorney's Office General Fund.

This grant award is presented to the City Council for approval on October 10, 2003 and funds are to be appropriated to the Police Department's Special Revenue Fund and to the City Attorney's Special Revenue Fund. The holding of a public hearing is a federal requirement for grant acceptance. The Police Department requests that the Public Safety and Regulatory Services Committee receive public comment and permit designated city personnel to relay public hearing comments to the federal agency.

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

Under the 2003 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, the City of Minneapolis is eligible to receive \$852,798 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 \$366,703 and will provide the local match on their funds.

The Minneapolis Police Department proposes the following expenditures for the \$486,095 in grant funds and \$54,011 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:

1. Misdemeanor Enforcement Program - City Attorney, 8th year funding	\$253,466
2. Neighborhood Restorative Justice Program and ADR Implementation	\$71,534
3. Overtime - for patrol and investigative initiatives	\$107,101
4. Equipment for Precinct patrols, and other investigative and support service needs.	\$53,994
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