

## **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:

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

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