



Request for City Council Committee Action

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

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Approved by Deputy Chief Wurster, Police Department _____

Subject Request for Authority to Accept a Grant Award from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for the Violent Offender Task Force

Presenters in Committee Lt. Andrew Smith, MPD Violent Offender Task Force

Recommendation

The Minneapolis Police Department respectfully requests that the proper officials be authorized to execute the Minnesota Department of Public Safety grant award for the Violent Offender Task Force in the amount of \$130,000 and requests an amendment to the general appropriation resolution for 2007 in the amount of \$130,000. The grant award will operate through the state grant fund, 0600-400-C007, Revenue Source 3215.

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 accept \$130,000 from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for a Violent Offender Task Force. The rationale behind the task force is: rather than target a specific crime; (i.e. narcotics, robbery, etc.) target the individuals who are repeatedly causing the violent crimes. With very few exceptions, these cases are centered on narcotics trafficking and gang violence. Building cases into federal investigations gives the federal government jurisdiction to investigate, charge and sentence the offender.

The grant funds will be used primarily for overtime surveillance details and equipment. No local grant match is required.