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TO: Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Richard R. Schmidt, Inspector, Office of the Sheriff, Milwaukee County

SUBJECT: Request to accept State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation grant for 2014 Alcohol Enforcement program in the amount of \$91,327 for the Office of the Sheriff.

REQUEST

The Sheriff of Milwaukee County requests authority to accept grant funding of \$91,327 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation for an Alcohol Enforcement 2014 program.

BACKGROUND

Alcohol-impaired Driving: In Wisconsin during 2012 alcohol was listed as a contributing factor in 4.6% of all crashes. 37.1% of all vehicle crash fatalities in 2012 were alcohol-related, resulting in 221 deaths. Alcohol-impaired driving is associated with other high-risk behaviors that increase the likelihood of a crash and of significant injury or death occurring; these include speeding, and failure to wear safety belts.

Enforcement Area (Targeting): WisDOT analysis has identified roadway segments patrolled by this agency as 'at-risk'. All alcohol and speed-related crash data from the three previous years for every jurisdiction in Wisconsin were analyzed, including those involving property damage through all ranges of injuries to those that resulted in death. These data were scientifically weighted following established statistical protocol. Using this weighted data, the Bureau identified those places in Wisconsin with the largest crash frequency due to excess alcohol use or speed. After factoring in each identified, at-risk location's population density, a snapshot of the state's most likely places for similar crashes per capita was established.

This grant has the following objectives:

1. To adopt a zero tolerance policy for impaired driving during all motor vehicle stops.
2. To adopt a zero tolerance policy for unrestrained occupants during all motor vehicle stops.
3. During past deployments, Grantees have typically initiated a recorded traffic stop every 45 minutes. To maintain or exceed historical activity levels during grant-funded activity Grantee will, on average, initiate a recorded traffic stop every 45 minutes.

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4. During past grant-funded deployments, Grantees typically maintained an agency ratio of three citations to one written warning.
5. To make contacts with local media, community groups or other groups to increase public awareness of information related to seatbelt related crashes, and subsequent enforcement efforts a minimum of once during every quarter of grant approval. Creating partnerships with community groups, public and private, to enforce public awareness of this campaign.

Mandatory deployment dates are:

1. December 7-16, 2013 (Booze and Belts)
2. March 4-20, 2014 (St. Patrick's Day)
3. May 20-June 2, 2014 (CIOT National Mobilization)
4. July 1-7, 2014 (Summer Heat)
5. Aug 16-Sep 2, 2014 (Alcohol Crackdown)

The grant period is from October 1, 2013 until September 30, 2014. It is anticipated that there will be 101 specific deployments with three officers per deployment at four hours per officer for a total of 1,212 enforcement hours plus additional deployment hours of 420 for a total of 1,632. Payment is based on an average overtime/fringe hourly rate of \$53.01 per hour. Grant funds also include equipment expenditure authority of \$4,815 for 5,000 Personal Breathalyzer Testing Tubes and 7 Personal Breathalyzers Testing Units. The grant requires a local match of 25% on salary and equipment expenses of \$91,327 bringing the total project funding to \$114,159. The match requires NO additional budget funds.

FISCAL NOTE

Grant funds total \$91,327 with a 25% local match required of \$22,832 bringing the total project funding to \$114,159. All funding will be used for wages and fringe benefits and authorized equipment purchases.

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