

County of Milwaukee

Office of the Sheriff

David A. Clarke, Jr. Sheriff

DATE:

February 16, 2012

TO:

Chairman Lee Holloway, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

FROM:

Richard Schmidt, Inspector, Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office

SUBJECT: Request to apply for and accept, if awarded, Homeland Security grants in the amount of \$32,000

REQUEST

The Sheriff's Office requests the approval to apply for and accept homeland security grant funding from the State of Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance to assist with enhancing the following:

- Response preparedness for the SWAT team for tactical situations including active shooter response, barricaded situations and hostage rescue situations.
- Enhance leadership capabilities for the above listed situations and other threats unknown from a leadership development perspective.

BACKGROUND

Under Chapter 99 of the County Ordinances and Wisconsin State Statute 323, the Emergency Management Division of the Office of the Sheriff has certain responsibilities in the preparation, mitigation, response, and recovery of emergency situations. The State annually offers opportunities for counties to apply for federal and state homeland security grant dollars to assist with meeting these responsibilities.

Homeland Security grant opportunities that are designated for Milwaukee County available now from the State of Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance include funding of \$32,000 to provide two (2) Tactical Team Leader Courses provided by the National Tactical Officers Association.

These funds will be used to host two (2) classes of thirty (30) officers from the member agencies within the ALERT (Aligned Law Enforcement Response Team) program under OJA of which the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office is a member. It is anticipated that \$28,000 of funds will be spent on tuition and \$4,000 will be spent on lodging and meals.

Of the thirty officers in attendance, the Office of the Sheriff is anticipating three to four Deputy Sheriffs from Milwaukee County will attend.

FISCAL NOTE

An appropriation transfer request will be submitted for consideration, once the grant is awarded, to the Committee on Finance and Audit to recognize the grant revenue and establish expenditure authority of \$32,000. There is no local match to the funding and therefore no tax levy impact.

Sincerely,

Richard Schmidt, Inspector

Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office

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