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From the District Attorney, Requesting Retroactive Permission to Enter into Contracts with the Milwaukee Police Department in the amount of \$180,264, the South Milwaukee Police Department in the amount of \$42,228, and the West Allis Police Department in the amount of \$46,824, for Law Enforcement Services to the Milwaukee Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Group, with effective dates of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, which are fully funded by a Byrne JAG Task Force Grant Award from the Wisconsin Department of Justice (WI-DOJ Subgrant 2022-DJ-01 18546), by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Group (MMDEG) Task Force is a multi-jurisdictional task force comprised of members of the City of Milwaukee, City of South Milwaukee, and the City of West Allis Police Departments and the Office of the District Attorney (District Attorney), which combats illicit drug trafficking in Milwaukee County (the County) by targeting, investigating, and arresting mid-to-major level drug dealers, and by prosecuting those offenders in specialized County speedy-trial felony drug courts; and

WHEREAS, the MMDEG Task Force was established in 1991 with a grant from the State of Wisconsin (the State) Department of Justice (WI DOJ) through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Drug Task Force Grant Program (Byrne JAG Program), and is re-funded every year by a recurring, non-competitive grant from the WI DOJ through the Byrne JAG Program to the County on behalf of the District Attorney, which has served as the fiscal and administrative director of the Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Byrne JAG Program annually supports the MMDEG Task Force by funding the salary and benefits costs of the County’s Assistant District Attorneys (ADAs), who are assigned to the Byrne JAG Program and by providing reimbursement to the member law enforcement agencies for a portion of the salary and benefits costs of their officers assigned to the MMDEG Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the partial reimbursement to the law enforcement agencies of the salary and benefits costs of their officers assigned to the MMDEG Task Force is effectuated through contracts between the District Attorney and the agency for a set dollar value, which represents a designated percentage of the officers’ actual salary and benefit costs (MMDEG Task Force contracts), with the agencies being responsible for the portion of the costs not covered by the MMDEG Task Force contracts; and

WHEREAS, all MMDEG Task Force contract costs are paid using Byrne JAG Program funds, and the MMDEG Task Force contracts provide that, if Grant funds are not available, the contracts are void; and

46 WHEREAS, the Byrne JAG Program funds for calendar year 2024 is
47 denominated WI DOJ Subgrant 2022-DJ-01 18546 (the Subgrant), and carries an
48 award of \$543,365, which is comprised of two portions: a Federal grant award in the
49 amount of \$321,147, and a State award in the amount of \$222,218, which is treated as
50 match funding for the Federal grant award; and

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52 WHEREAS, the match funding is the non-Federal share of the total project costs
53 that a grantee is required to contribute in some grants to achieve the purposes of the
54 Byrne JAG Program award, and for the Subgrant, the WI DOJ provides the match
55 funding from State revenue, so that there is no match cost to the County; and

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57 WHEREAS, on November 9, 2023, the District Attorney submitted its application
58 to WI DOJ for the Subgrant award; and

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60 WHEREAS, the application for the Subgrant required the Milwaukee Police
61 Department to assign one police Supervisor and two Police Officers to the MMDEG
62 Task Force with the Supervisor serving as the Director of the MMDEG Task Force
63 Police Unit; and

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65 WHEREAS, the Subgrant required the South Milwaukee Police Department to
66 assign one Police Officer to the MMDEG Task Force, and required the West Allis Police
67 Department to assign one Police Officer to the MMDEG Task Force; and

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69 WHEREAS, the application for the Subgrant is hereto attached to this file, and
70 required the District Attorney to enter into one-year contracts with the three-member law
71 enforcement agencies for partial reimbursement of those officers' salary and benefit
72 costs for calendar year 2024, based on the departments' actual personnel costs, as
73 follows:

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Law Enforcement Agency	Amount of Contract
Milwaukee Police Department	\$180,264
South Milwaukee Police Department	\$42,228
West Allis Police Department	\$46,824

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78 WHEREAS, with each agency furnishing actual salary and benefit costs for the
79 calculation, the dollar value of the contracts represent reimbursement to the law
80 enforcement agencies for the salary and benefit costs of their officers assigned to the
81 MMDEG Task Force at the following rates:

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- 83 • 50 percent of the annual compensation of the Milwaukee Police Sergeant
84 Supervisor and 34 percent of the annual compensation of the two assigned
85 Milwaukee Police Department Police Officers
- 86 • 34 percent reimbursement of the annual compensation of the South
87 Milwaukee Police Department Police Officer
- 88 • 34 percent reimbursement of the annual compensation of the West Allis
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93 WHEREAS, the MMDEG Task Force Supervisory Commission, which is the
94 governing board of the MMDEG Task Force, approved the rate calculation and the
95 amount of each of the designated contracts before the grant application was submitted;
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98 WHEREAS, on December 28, 2023, WI DOJ awarded the Subgrant in the
99 amount of \$543,365 to the County, which is hereto attached to this file; and

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101 WHEREAS, in making the grant award to the County, WI DOJ executed the
102 MMDEG Task Force contracts, as a condition of the receipt of the grant award; and

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104 WHEREAS, on January 5, 2024, County Executive David C. Crowley accepted
105 the WI DOJ Subgrant award, on behalf of the District Attorney; and

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107 WHEREAS, in its 2024 Recommended Budget submission, the District Attorney
108 neglected to list the three MMDEG Task Force contracts in the Sherpa budget tab, but
109 posted the WI DOJ Subgrant grant revenue, and the MMDEG Task Force contract costs
110 in the budget accounts, with the revenue posted to account number 44007, the ADA
111 personnel costs posted to account number 60030, and the MMDEG Task Force
112 contracts posted to account number 60111; and

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114 WHEREAS, on November 9, 2023, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
115 (County Board) adopted the District Attorney's 2024 departmental budget as submitted,
116 including the WI DOJ Subgrant revenue and the contract expenditures as recorded in
117 those accounts; and

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119 WHEREAS, in January 2024, the District Attorney drafted and circulated the
120 2024 MMDEG Task Force contracts for signatures, subject to securing the County
121 Board's retroactive approval to enter into each contract, was approved by the necessary
122 parties and signatories, including the Office of Corporation Counsel and the Office of
123 Economic Inclusion, Department of Administrative Services; and

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WHEREAS, the Subgrant will fully fund each of the MMDEG Task Force contracts, and the contracts provide that, if grant funds are unavailable, the contracts will be void; and

WHEREAS, execution of the three MMDEG Task Force contracts will have no tax levy effect; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of March 14, 2024, recommended adoption of File No. 24-256 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) hereby retroactively authorizes the Office of the District Attorney (District Attorney) to enter into a contract with the Milwaukee Police Department in the amount of \$180,264 for law enforcement services to the Milwaukee Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Group (MMDEG) Task Force, with an effective date of January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, which is fully funded by a Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Task Force grant award (the Grant) from the State of Wisconsin Department of Justice (WI DOJ), WI DOJ Subgrant 2022-DJ-01 18546 (the Subgrant), which is hereto attached to this file; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby retroactively authorizes the District Attorney to enter into a contract with the South Milwaukee Police Department in the amount of \$42,228 for law enforcement services to the MMDEG Task Force, with an effective date of January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, which is fully funded by the Grant from the WI DOJ Subgrant, which is hereto attached to this file; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby retroactively authorizes the District Attorney to enter into a contract with the West Allis Police Department in the amount of \$46,824 for law enforcement services the MMDEG, with an effective date of January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, which is fully funded by the Grant from the WI DOJ Subgrant, which is hereto attached to this file; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby authorizes the Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance, working in conjunction with the Office of the Comptroller, to process necessary appropriation transfers consistent with this resolution to the District Attorney.

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