

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

Date: April 15, 2013

To: Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman, County Board of Supervisors

From: Chris Lindberg, Chief Information Officer, IMSD

Subject: Request for Authorization to accept grant revenue from the Office of Justice Assistance

ISSUE

In accordance with Section 56.06 of the Milwaukee County General Ordinances, the Department of Administrative Services – Information Management Services Division (IMSD) is requesting authorization to accept grant revenue to develop data interfaces with the Office of Justice Assistance (OJA) systems in support of information sharing and collaboration among state law enforcement agencies.

BACKGROUND

The Office of Justice Assistance (OJA) contacted the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) requesting that the County apply for OJA state grants that would provide technology application integration services to support public safety state wide information and collaboration services. MCSO was awarded two grants for which IMSD will administer.

Homeland Security/Gateway Project Grant: The Wisconsin Justice Information Sharing Program (WIJIS) supports the Office of Justice Assistance's (OJA) mission of Building Safer Communities by helping to deliver to law enforcement officers, prosecutors and other criminal justice professionals the information they need to make timely, accurate and fair decisions. Specifically, WIJIS exists to improve the flow of information across community, geographical and organizational boundaries and between computerized systems. WIJIS does so by building partnerships among stakeholders in the criminal justice system and harnessing technology to improve justice system processes. A grant in the amount of \$45,890 was awarded to Milwaukee County for equipment and consultant services to develop a County interface into the WIJIS system.

JAG Recovery Act/Wisconsin Incident Based Reporting: The Wisconsin Incident-Based Reporting System (WIBRS) is a crime reporting system designated to collect data throughout the state of Wisconsin on each single crime occurrence and on each incident and arrest within that occurrence. The goals of WIBRS are to enhance the quantity, quality and timeliness of

crime data collected by law enforcement and to improve the methodology used for compiling, analyzing, auditing and publishing the collected crime data. The County was awarded a grant in the amount of \$12,200 to hire a consultant to configure an interface that would meet the WIBRS criteria.

RECOMMENDATION

The Chief Information Officer of the Department of Administrative Services – Information Management Services Division requests authorization to accept two grants from the State of Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance in the amount of \$50,090 (WIJIS: \$45,890 and WIBRS: \$12,200) to support public safety, state-wide information and collaboration services among state law enforcement agencies.


FISCAL IMPACT

There is no County match required in order to accept the two grants. Approval of this request will result in no County expenditures in 2013.

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