



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

This new one-year grant, awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice Community Policing Development program, provides funding to support activities of the South Madison Police-Community Advisory Board pilot program. A MPD Captain and Neighborhood Officers will be involved in the program as part of their regular outreach duties. There is no impact on the levy.

Title

Authorizing the Mayor and Chief of Police to accept a \$37,880 USDOJ COPS Community Policing Development grant award for the Madison Police Department's South Madison Police-Community Advisory Board pilot program; and amend budgets accordingly.

Body

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department Of Justice Community-Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office's Community Policing Development (CPD) grant program advances the practice of community policing in law enforcement agencies through training and technical assistance, the development of innovative community policing strategies, applied research, guidebooks, and best practices that are national in scope; and

WHEREAS, the COPS CPD Microgrant Initiative is a seed grant program for law enforcement agencies, funding innovative ideas where relatively small amounts of funding are required to carry out self-contained or demonstration projects; and

WHEREAS, the Madison Police Department has applied for and been awarded a COPS Microgrant Initiative grant for "Building Trust through the South Madison Police-Community Advisory Board" to assist in developing crime prevention strategies and agency policies, as well as provide input on policing issues which will improve trust and perceptions of fairness through transparency, community outreach and problem solving; and

WHEREAS, the Department identified just this process in its 2016 *Current Status & Plan for 21st Century Policing Report of MPD Efforts in Relation to the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing*; and

WHEREAS, the key strategy will be building relationships with residents in South Madison, especially people of color, to foster mutual trust and positive and productive police interactions, to hear community concerns, and to better explain the criminal justice system so that residents develop a stronger sense of MPD procedural justice efforts; and

WHEREAS, residents, workers and business owners in South Madison neighborhoods will be engaged by MPD officers and our community partners (such as Centro Hispano, Nehemiah Center for Urban Leadership Development, Bayview Foundation Community Center and Center for Resilient Cities) to build strong relationships that will increase neighborhood-level engagement, helping residents see officers practicing and participating in community policing activities (as opposed to traditional response driven approaches) will help improve perceptions of procedural justice and fairness; and

WHEREAS, the South Madison Police-Community Advisory Board will involve people of color through targeted outreach in the Black, Hmong and Latino communities to inform police of community concerns, create a collaborative problem-solving environment and better understanding of the police function and increase

legitimacy in communities of color through these procedural justice elements; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Randy Stoecker of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of Community and Environmental Sociology will provide support to the advisory group organizing effort through participatory action, developmental evaluation and learning organization research.

WHEREAS, the program evaluation will help the Department learn if this decentralized model of law enforcement-community advisory board partnership, piloted in South Madison, should be expanded to cover all areas of the city.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Police Chief are authorized to accept the one-year \$37,880 USDOJ COPS Community Policing Development grant award on behalf of the City of Madison.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any grant funds received are appropriated to the Madison Police Department to be used for the purposes of the grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Police Department is authorized to spend the grant funds in accordance with the grant application, with modifications upon appropriate approvals from the COPS Office, as follows:

\$31,200	Agency contracts	1220-3110020-54180-00000
\$ 3,500	Other services	1220-3110020-54810-00000
\$ 2,080	Travel for participants	1220-3110020-54520-00000
\$ 1,100	Work supplies	1220-3110020-53210-00000

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Finance Director and the Police Department are authorized to establish and/or maintain accounts as required for the administration of the grant funds; and to amend budgets accordingly.