

STAMFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Ms. Monica DiCostanzo & Mr. Lindsey Miller Co-Chairs, Fiscal Committee Board of Representatives 888 Washington Boulevard Stamford, CT. 06904

Dear Co-Chair DiCostanzo & Miller:

I am writing this letter to notify your committee of the Stamford Police Department's intention to utilize funding under the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) FY 2022 Local Solicitation Formula Program. The City of Stamford has been allocated \$43,464 under this solicitation. Grant regulations stipulate that the City's governing body be notified of the proposed use of funds prior to submitting the application. Please note that no action is required at this time. The request for appropriation of the grant funds will be presented to the Fiscal Committee at a later date.

The Stamford Police Department intends to utilize grant funds to have Police Officers conduct extra walking patrols on an overtime basis on the West side of Stamford. The need for an increased police presence is in direct response to a significant increase in quality of life issues as well as an increase in criminal activity in the neighborhood. Crime statistics bear this out as the neighborhood has experienced an increase in all the following areas; violent and weapon-related calls, simple assaults, disorderly conduct, larcenies, theft from vehicles, vandalism, loitering, public drunkenness, and trespassing. Our community partners in the neighborhood have advocated for an increased police presence, and we intend to utilize JAG FY 22 funding to curtail this alarming trend. Please note that 100% of project costs will be covered by the grant.

I encourage the Fiscal Committee to lend its support to this project. Should you or any board member have a question concerning this matter, please feel free to contact me directly at (203)977-4681 or at tshaw@stamfordet.gov

Respectfully,

Timothy Shaw Chief of Police