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Ms. Monica DiCostanzo  
Chair, Fiscal Committee  
Board of Representatives  
888 Washington Boulevard  
Stamford, CT. 06904

Dear Chair DiCostanzo:

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 2016 Local Solicitation Formula Program. The City of Stamford has been allocated \$43,468 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 funding to proactively address the gun-related violent incidents that have unfortunately plagued several neighborhoods in our city. We plan on implementing a two-pronged strategy. First, the Department will continue to provide extra patrol walking posts in identified high crime areas. This "boots on the ground" strategy is twofold. First, it is designed to increase police visibility and serve as a crime deterrent. Second, it is designed to increase positive interaction between police officers and the community. This will result in solidifying the police/community partnership and hopefully encourage engagement by the community to assist in eradicating the gun violence. The second part of our strategy is to provide extra funding to our investigators assigned to the gun-related criminal incidents. These investigations are extremely labor-intensive and require additional manpower and resources. It is my hope that this strategy will reduce the number of gun-related violent incidents in our neighborhoods. 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.

Respectfully,

  
Jon Fontneau  
Chief of Police

