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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 2017 Local Solicitation Formula Program. The City of Stamford has been allocated \$41,637 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 for (2) purposes. First, the Stamford Police Department will enhance its less lethal options by purchasing (12) new Tasers to replace worn out units that can no longer be utilized by Police Officers. The Department will also purchase (2) Tactical Defense Launchers for use in more serious incidents. Second, the Department will utilize JAG funding to provide additional hours for police investigators assigned to investigate narcotic and gun-related criminal investigations. These investigations are extremely labor-intensive and require additional manpower and resources. It is my hope that enhanced investigations would lead to the arrest and removal of the most seasoned criminals committing narcotic and gun-related crimes 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,

Jonathan Fontneau
Chief of Police