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Mr. Lindsey Miller & Mr. Sean Boeger
Co-Chairs, Fiscal Committee
Board of Representatives
888 Washington Boulevard
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Dear Co-Chairs Miller & Boeger:

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 2023 Local Solicitation Formula Program. The City of Stamford has been allocated \$54,213 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 in two areas. First, the Department will purchase an enhanced x-Ray machine and related equipment for scanning suspicious items and/or suspected bombs or explosive devices. The machine the Bomb Squad currently has is outdated and no longer compatible with updated software applications. Second, the Department will contract with a qualified vendor to provide advanced Tactical Arrest and Control Procedures Training to approximately 24 of our officers. These officers will in turn provide training to additional Stamford officers. This training teaches de-escalation techniques for officers to deploy in potentially volatile incidents. 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@stamfordct.gov

Respectfully,


Timothy Shaw
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