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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 2018 Local Solicitation Formula Program. The City of Stamford has been allocated \$43,821 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 dedicate extra police walking patrols within city parks to address crime and public perception of crime in the parks. The Police Department is committed to providing a safe environment for residents as they enjoy our many city parks. This funding opportunity will increase police visibility in city parks and address public perception of crime within the parks. Second, the Department will purchase (29) new computer workstations to replace old and obsolete workstations for a variety of units within the Police Department. This upgraded software and hardware is vital in order for our officers to perform their duties efficiently. 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