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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 2020 Local Solicitation Formula Program. The City of Stamford has been allocated \$36,395 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 approximately 75 Police Officers receive Crisis Intervention Training. This training focuses on how to deal with people suffering from mental illness and/or substance abuse, safe de-escalation techniques and conflict resolution strategies. As incidents involving those suffering from mental illness have increased considerably, this training is indispensable to ensure a safe resolution for all concerned. 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,


Timothy Shaw
Chief of Police