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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 2021 Local Solicitation Formula Program. The City of Stamford has been allocated \$39,747 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 Police Officers receive Behavioral Health Training. The training will focus on how to safely interact with people suffering from mental illness and/or substance abuse, safe de-escalation techniques and conflict resolution strategies. The training will also focus on strategies to help police officer maintain their own well-being. As incidents involving police officers interacting with those suffering from mental illness have increased considerably, this training is indispensable for the mental well-being of police officers and civilians alike. 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](mailto:tshaw@stamfordct.gov)

Respectfully,



Timothy Shaw  
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