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Re: Lowell Police and Fire Grant Funding Received - 2015

The Lowell Police and Fire Departments have been collectively awarded \$5,016,405.62 in grant funding in 2015. Specifically, the Lowell Police Department (LPD) has received \$3,017,553.62, while the Lowell Fire Department (LFD) received \$1,998,852 in grant funding. Additionally, the LFD is currently awaiting award announcements for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG). The application included a new Rescue Apparatus, Aerial Apparatus and Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). The total amount of this application was \$2,335,510. The award announcements should begin the end of April and continue on a rolling basis until September 30, 2016.

Please see below for a brief synopsis on each grant awarded in 2015.

[Lowell Police Department 2015 Grant Funding \(Total: \\$3,017,553.62\)](#)

Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (Total Received: \$1,376,829.62)

- **Charles E. Shannon, Jr. Community Safety Initiative (\$607,705.62):** The Shannon Grant enables the LPD to implement a comprehensive anti-gang and youth violence strategy. In addition to using funds for suppression activities, funding was subcontracted to a wide range of City entities and community partners, including Lowell Public Schools, the Parks and Recreation Department, Lowell Adult Education, the Career Center of Lowell, UTEC, the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Lowell, Lowell Community Health Center, Lowell Middlesex Academy Charter School, Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association, West End Gym, International Institute of New England and the YWCA. These community organizations provide a myriad of prevention and intervention activities. The overarching goal of the Shannon Grant is to reduce gang and youth violence, intervene in the lives of highly at-risk youth, and provide positive opportunities and alternatives to gang and youth violence.
- **E-911 Public Safety Answering Point and Regional Emergency Communication Center Support and Incentive Grant (\$292,060):** The PSAP grant funds the salaries of several LPD dispatchers.
- **Massachusetts Municipal Public Safety Staffing Grant (\$234,000):** The Staffing Grant will fund the salaries of three recruit officers while they are in the Lowell Police Training Academy, as well as their equipment. Furthermore, this grant will provide overtime funding.

- **E-911 Training Grant and Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) Grant (\$60,298):** The E-911 Training and EMD Grant provides funding for dispatcher training.
- **Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, Drug Abatement Response Team (\$55,000):** The Drug Abatement Response Team (DART) Grant focuses on targeting properties that have become problematic as a result of drug incidents and code violations. The LPD's Special Investigation Section works in conjunction with the Division of Development Services to prioritize properties with absentee landlords. Special Investigation Section detectives work to arrest drug dealers, while the Division of Development Services identifies code violations to be fixed. This project strives to reduce drug crime, revitalize neighborhoods and improve the quality of life for residents in the surrounding area.
- **Highway Safety Division Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program Grant (\$52,266):** This grant increased LPD presence at the most dangerous intersections in the City in an effort to increase motorist safety as well as decrease motor vehicle accidents.
- **Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program – Camera Equipment (\$30,000):** The LPD was able to purchase 5 surveillance cameras that will be installed in hotspot locations.
- **Highway Safety Division Traffic Enforcement Grant (\$21,000):** Funds enable the LPD to participate in the statewide traffic mobilizations, such as Click it or Ticket and Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.
- **Highway Safety Division Underage Alcohol Enforcement Grant (\$15,000):** The department targets underage drinking through Party Patrols and Compliance Checks. Party Patrols typically occur in partnership with UMass Lowell Police Department. Compliance Checks are conducted by detectives in the Special Investigation Section, who work with an underage individual who attempts to purchase alcohol without identification. All violators are forwarded to the City of Lowell Licensing Commission.
- **Highway Safety Division Pedestrian, Bicycle and Moped-Type Safety Grant (\$7,500):** This funding allows the LPD to implement targeted enforcement and crosswalk decoy deployments to increase pedestrian, bicycle and moped safety in the City.
- **Highway Safety Division Child Passenger Safety Seat Grant (\$2,000):** Funds enable the LPD to purchase a wide range of car seats, from infant seats to convertible seats to booster seats. These seats are installed by a certified officer and donated to individuals in need within the City.

Executive Office of Health and Human Services (Total Received: \$1,110,187)

- **Safe and Successful Youth Initiative (\$1,110,187):** This comprehensive program strives to intervene in the lives of proven-risk young men who have committed violent crimes and/or are involved in gangs. Together with project partners, including UTEC and the Career Center of Lowell, the LPD sought to identify individuals and encourage them to become involved in programming. The goal of this program is to provide these individuals with wraparound services designed to prevent recidivism and thereby increasing overall community safety.

Department of Public Health (\$25,000)

- **First Responder Nasal Naloxone Grant (\$25,000):** Funds are utilized to purchase nasal naloxone, which reverses the impact of opioid overdoses. Additionally, funds can be used to purchase items related to the medical treatment of overdose victims, including CPR masks and AEDs for the LPD.

Office on Violence Against Women (\$450,000)

- **Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program (\$450,000):** This funding will be utilized to create a Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) within the department. This program is designed to immediately identify individuals that are at high-risk for lethal violence following a domestic aggravated assault. For those victims that are identified as high-risk, Alternative House will be notified and will begin immediate safety planning. Working together with the Greater Lowell Education and Advocacy Network (GLEAN), offenders will be prioritized for prosecution, while victims will be prioritized for services.

Bureau of Justice Assistance (\$55,037)

- **Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (\$55,037):** Funds from BJA allow the LPD to support critical civilian personnel essential to the department's community policing and problem-oriented policing strategies.

Private Funds (\$500)

- **Target Public Safety Grant Program (\$500):** The Target Grant provides funds that support the City of Lowell's National Night Out events.

Lowell Fire Department 2015 Grant Funding (Total: \$1,998,852)

Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (\$50,000)

- **Massachusetts Municipal Public Safety Staffing Grant (\$50,000):** This funding will be used to provide overtime funds, in an effort to reduce the number of brownouts in the City.

Department of Public Health (\$25,000)

- **First Responder Nasal Naloxone Grant (\$25,000):** Funds can be utilized to purchase nasal naloxone, which reverses the impact of opioid overdoses. Additionally, funds can be used to purchase items related to the medical treatment of overdose victims, including CPR masks and AEDs for the LFD.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (\$1,923,852)

- **FEMA Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant (\$1,923,852):** This grant will support the hiring of twelve new Lowell Firefighters.