

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

VOTE

Authorizing the City Manager on behalf of the City of Lowell, to accept and expend a Grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) for their FY 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of Forty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-One and 00/100 (\$42,781.00) Dollars.

The City of Lowell is desirous of accepting and expending a grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) for their FY 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant; and

The Grant will enable the Lowell Police Department to retain a Grant Research Analyst and a Program Manager in the Research and Development Unit. Additionally, a portion of funding will be used to purchase pamphlets, office supplies, and a translation service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT VOTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL:

That the City Manager be and is hereby authorized to apply, accept and expend funds from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) for their FY 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of Forty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-One and 00/100 (\$42,781.00) Dollars to retain a Grant Research Analyst and a Program Manager in the Research and Development Unit. Additionally, a portion of funding will be used to purchase pamphlets, office supplies, and a translation service.

BE IT FURTHER VOTED:

That the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Lowell, be and hereby is, authorized to execute any and all documents necessary in connection with said grant, including the expenditure thereof.



Gregory C. Hudon
Superintendent

Mark LeBlanc
Deputy Superintendent

Frank Nobrega, Jr.
Deputy Superintendent

Stephen Gendreau
Deputy Superintendent

July 27, 2023

City Council
City of Lowell
375 Merrimack Street
Lowell, MA 01852

Dear City Councilors:

The Lowell Police Department (LPD) was recently informed that the department is eligible for \$42,781 under the Local FY 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. Prior to utilizing the grant funds, the LPD must ensure that it is made available for public review in order to allow community members an opportunity to comment. Therefore, we respectfully request that this application is reviewed during the City Council Meeting held on August 8, 2023. The LPD will also post a link on the department's website allowing citizens to review the application and provide comments.

Sincerely,

Gregory C. Hudon
Superintendent

Project Abstract

The City of Lowell, MA Police Department (LPD) is requesting \$42,781 for the FY 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. This funding will be used to retain a Grant Research Analyst and a Program Manager in the Research and Development Unit. As a result of significant decreases in local aid and grant funding in recent years, these positions would be in danger of being eliminated without the assistance of this JAG Local funding. Funds will also be used to support training to ensure the most up to date, evidence-based practices are being utilized throughout the department. Additionally, the department will purchase pamphlets, office supplies for grant-funded personnel, and a translation service.