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January 30, 2023

Honorable City Council Newton City Hall 1000 Commonwealth Avenue Newton Centre, MA 02459

Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to accept and expend \$25,600 from a Massachusetts Emergency Management Association (MEMA) Emergency Management Preparedness Grant (EMPG). This grant to the Newton Fire Department will be used for technology and protective gear.

Details regarding the intended use of these funds are attached in a letter from Chief Gentile.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller

Mayor



CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS

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Maureen Lemieux Chief Financial Officer City of Newton 1000 Commonwealth Ave Newton, MA 02459

Maureen,

I respectfully request to docket funding of \$25,600.00 from Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) Emergency Management Preparedness Grant (EMPG)

The funding is going to be used to purchase ipads for use with ARC GIS data collection during storms & pre planning. Purchase laptop computers for EMD and support staff to be able to work in multiple location during emergency events. Purchase teleconferencing equipment for EOC breakout room/work area. Utilize the funding to pay for recurring costs related to last year's internet connection that was set up specifically for the EOC. Utilize funding to secure ballistic protective gear in the event of an active shooter/hostile event response.

The Grant is a reimbursement grant; therefore, we would respectfully request authorization to expend the grant and when refunded by MEMA to replenish our account of expenditure.

Thank you for your consideration to this request.

Respectfully,

Greg Gentile

Chief of Department