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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 the authorization accept, appropriate and expend the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) Emergency Management Preparedness Grant (EMPG) in the amount of \$25,600.

Funds will be used to purchase equipment to expand the capabilities of the CAD backup system, pay for costs related to the internet connection for the EOC, and purchase protective gear and public safety equipment.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller Mayor



CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

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Ruthanne Fuller Mayor

November 3, 2021

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 equipment and related items to expand the capabilities of the CAD backup system to add an additional virtual machine which will house a training database. This training database will allow us to train dispatchers on a separate system to not impact the live operations of the dispatch center. In addition, the training system will be utilized to test response plan changes before they are made live. To Accomplish this, we need to purchase an additional Microsoft Server License as well as pay for professional services to implement the additional system.

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. Purchase surface water rescue dry suit kit including dry suits, goggles, fins, boots, and gloves to prepare in the event of a flood situation. Purchase electric powered hand tools for various search and rescue operations. Purchase iPad for use with ARC GIS data collection during storms and preplanning.

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,

Gino Lucchetti

Chief of Department