


**CITY OF BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF POLICE**

	INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM	
	TO:	Mr. Robert Vidoni
	FROM:	Captain Michelle Kott
	DATE:	11 Nov 2019
	RE:	2019 Local Share Account Northampton & Lehigh Counties

The Police Department is applying to receive up to \$65,295.67 in funding through the 2019 Local Share Account Northampton & Lehigh Counties grant. The grant will be used by the Police Department to improve its ability to provide the highest level of service to our community.

In order to receive and use these funds, the purpose and use of the funds must be made available for review by City Council. I am requesting this communication be addressed at the next City Council meeting.

If approved these funds will be used to purchase state of the art 3 dimensional technology, a FARO FocusS 70 laser scanner, that will greatly enhance the department's ability to document major accident, crime, and fire scenes. Better documentation will enable investigators to deliver impactful courtroom evidence that will enhance the likelihood of successful prosecutions. The use of a 3D laser scanner will also improve traffic safety and minimize congestion from road closures by providing the police department with the ability to reopen roads faster for commerce and community access. Additionally, utilization of this technology will enable law enforcement personnel to safely measure and document potentially dangerous scenes. A 3D laser scanner will also be used by the Bethlehem Police Department for event planning and threat assessments for major events and festivals that occur in our City. Finally, utilizing a 3D laser scanner will result in cost and times savings to the City of Bethlehem by allowing investigators to quickly and efficiently document and measure major accident, crime, and fire scenes.

A public hearing must be held to give interested persons opportunity to comment regarding the funding to be received by the Police Department. Therefore, I am requesting the proposed resolution be read into the record when appropriate. This will allow for the required opportunity for public comment.

A copy of the proposed resolution is attached to this memorandum.

Thank you for your assistance, and please contact me if you need any further information.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Bethlehem that the Mayor and Controller are hereby authorized to execute the grant award documents for funds to be received under the 2019 Local Share Account Northampton & Lehigh Counties Grant in the amount of up to \$65,295.67. The grant will be used by the Bethlehem Police Department to purchase a FARO FocusS 70 laser scanner.

Sponsored by _____

ADOPTED by Council this _____ day of _____, 2019 .

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk