


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

	INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM	
	TO:	Mr. Robert Vidoni
	FROM:	Captain Michelle Kott
	DATE:	19 May 2020
	RE:	Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant

The Police Department is applying to receive up to \$146,016.00 in funding through the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) 2020 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant. The grant will be used by the Police Department to continue our efforts in preventing, preparing for, and responding to the coronavirus.

In order to receive and use these funds, the purpose and use of the funds must be made available for review by City Council. In the past, council has drafted and passed a resolution in support of similar grants. I am requesting this communication be addressed at the next City Council meeting.

Through the use of these funds, the Bethlehem Police Department will be able to replenish and expand our personal protective equipment supply. Specifically, we will be utilizing the grant funds to purchase items such as respirators, masks, gloves, and eye protection. This will enable us to replace the personal protective equipment supplies depleted by Bethlehem Police personnel throughout the 2020 Coronavirus pandemic. To enhance the ability of officers to communicate clearly and precisely, the department will use grant funds to upgrade an aging group of mobile radios installed in the patrol fleet which are nearing end of life. The new radios will allow officers to transmit information over secure channels which will decrease response times and allow officers to receive critical information in real time. This will aid officers in responding to pandemic related calls by allowing personal information of the citizens to remain private.

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. 2020 - _____

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 2020 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant in the amount of up to \$146,016. The grant will be used by the Bethlehem Police Department to add to and replenish personal protective equipment (PPE) and upgrade the mobile radios located in police vehicles.

Sponsored by _____

ADOPTED by Council this _____ day of _____, 20__.

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk