

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

	INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM	
	TO:	Rachel Leon, Council President
	FROM:	Captain Blake Kuntz #377
	DATE:	22 September 2026
	RE:	2026 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

The Police Department is applying to receive up to \$16,711.00 in funding through the 2026 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). The grant will be used by the Police Department to update or expand the City's existing intersection camera network. Clear, dependable video documentation is essential during traffic crashes, violent crimes, and other critical incidents that require immediate deployment and subsequent investigation. Without targeted repairs, strategic replacements, and expansion of coverage, the Department risks diminished investigative capability, reduced officer safety, and increased inefficiencies in resolving incidents that rely on accurate visual information. This camera network does not have correlation to any type of automated license plate reading (ALPR) camera technology being utilized by our department.

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 this grant. I am requesting this communication be addressed at the next City Council meeting.

A public hearing must be held to give interested people the 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 have any questions.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-_____

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 2026 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of up to \$16,711.00. The grant will be used by the Bethlehem Police Department to install or replace city-owned public cameras to maintain public safety monitoring and conduct thorough criminal investigations.

Sponsored by _____

ADOPTED by Council this _____ day of _____, 2026.

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk