

September 7, 2023

The Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers  
President, Board of Alders  
City of New Haven  
165 Church Street  
New Haven, CT 06510

Dear Alder President Walker-Myers,

In accordance with the Order of the Board of Alders authorizing the Mayor to apply for and accept all grants on behalf of the City of New Haven, passed October 17, 1994, I am writing to respectfully request approval to apply for a grant from the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management for \$120,000.00 for one year to support its Crime Gun Intelligence Center.

In 2019, there was a 17.9% increase in violent crime in New Haven and a 49.5% increase in shots fired. In 2020, the NHPD established a Crime Gun Intelligence Center (CGIC) consisting of sworn officers and crime analysts, representatives from neighboring police departments, ATF, FBI, juvenile and adult parole, juvenile and adult probation, US Attorney's Office, State's Attorney's Office, and Homeland Security to identify, review, investigate and prosecute firearms related violent crimes. The work of the CGIC has led to significant increases in prosecutions and convictions of crime gun offenders. As the Department is experiencing a 20% vacancy rate for sworn staff, the proposed grant will enable us to contract with temporary employees (who are criminal justice students) to gather data for use by CGIC crime analysts and sworn staff in conducting investigations and also to purchase LPRs for the purpose of increasing prosecutions and convictions and prevention of firearm-related crime.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Karl Jacobson  
Chief of Police