



City of New Haven
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Alder Tyisha Walker
President, Board of Alders, 23rd Ward
165 Church Street
New Haven, CT 06510

RE: Order of the Board of Alders Authorizing \$4.5M for the purchase of public safety vehicles and fire hydrant replacement/repairs

Dear Honorable President Walker-Myers:

I am writing to request the Board of Alders approve of an \$4.5 million appropriation from the American Rescue Plan in support of the purchase of public safety vehicles and fire hydrant repairs. The American Rescue Plan Act funds are distributed nationwide by the U.S. Treasury Department for the specific purpose of helping cities mitigate the negative impacts of the pandemic. The funds can be used for public health and safety initiatives, personnel, and administrative costs, to offset revenue losses as well as infrastructure upgrades. The funds from the American Rescue Plan Act will allow the City to repair/replace fire hydrants and help replace the Fire and Police department's aging fleet. The planned purchase of the public safety vehicles qualifies as a public health emergency response expenditure under ARPA guidelines.

The Police Services are requesting the purchase SUV units to replace the aging fleet. The New Haven Police Department has dozens of SUVs that are older and/or with 100,000+ miles. The 24/7/365 operation places a heavy demand on all police vehicles and it's imperative for officer and public safety that officers respond to calls, incidents, and assignments in safe vehicles. Funds may be used to purchase SUVs to fill various vehicle needs at the police department, including but not limited to, district manager vehicles, patrol sergeant shift supervisors, and specialized units such as the Bureau of Identification. As these new vehicles are added to the fleet, the Police Department will assess the entire needs of the fleet to see which vehicles need to be removed completely and which can be re-purposed for other assignments. The Police Department prioritizes vehicles purchases for Patrol where they are driven through the community 24 hours a day.

The Fire Services is requesting funding to purchase fire apparatus (2 Fire Engines and 1 Fire Truck). As the Fire services has seen with all things in production and purchase, there is a need to order equipment early. Firstly, due to the fact suppliers have delays in parts and manufacturing which have now created a production time of 24 months for Fire Engines and 30+ months on fire trucks.

Secondly, this is a national situation that has triggered many departments to place so many orders there is now a waiting list in production.

Thirdly, the longer the City waits to place orders the costs increase, and larger departments are given preference due to the size and scope of their orders.



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Having spoken to the three largest manufacturers on this matter the price per engine is approximately \$850,000 and Trucks are \$2,000,000.00. The City respectfully, requesting \$3.7 million dollars to make these purchases.

In the area of fire hydrants, the Fire Service currently has just over 100 of our approximately 21,34 hydrants out of service. Fire Services has the need to purchase complete hydrants and parts to make replacements and repairs. In addition, there are some our shop cannot repair or replace and must request this service from the Regional Water Authority. These costs range from \$3,000.00 to \$7,000.00. The City is requesting \$400,000.00 to start short term project of repairing and replacing hydrants in our critical areas.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 946-6413. I thank you and hope for your favorable consideration of this item.

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