



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

RE: Resolution to Use American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) fund for Quality of Life: Supplemental Details, lateral bonuses, and IT Infrastructure.

Dear Honorable President Walker-Myers:

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (the "Act") which includes approximately \$1.9 trillion in investments designed to address the public health emergency and the direct and adverse impacts to the economy, to people and to community wellbeing; and

The American Rescue Plan Act can support communities working to reduce and respond to increased violence due to the pandemic by investing in technology and equipment to allow law enforcement to respond to the rise more efficiently and effectively in gun violence resulting from the pandemic.

The City is proposing to use The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for various Quality of Life Support, which will fund additional Police overtime, funding for Police Lateral hire bonuses and to upgrade City Public Safety Infrastructure.

Lateral Hire Bonuses

As of 8/31, the NHPD has 319 filled positions from the 406 budgeted. 49 of those vacancies are in the rank of Police Officer - the backbone of the City's patrol. New the City has been engaged with the recruitment of and hiring of lateral officers since 2019.

Each lateral hire that would be awarded a sign-on bonus, which would save the City approximately \$22,000 each as opposed to the cost of a cadet going through the academy which cost the City an average of \$32,000.



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Quality of Life: Supplemental Details

The City is proposing to use ARP Funds for additional overtime to supplement neighborhood walking and bike patrols, to enhance special details addressing quality of life concerns like ATVs, Illegal Drag Racing and Noise and also allow supplemental narcotics and undercover work to improve safety in our neighborhoods.

IT Infrastructure

The public safety sector is constantly looking for new and better ways to protect cities, infrastructure, businesses, and citizens. The IT for the City, especially Public Safety is the backbone of operations. With the focus on public safety, The City is proposing to projects that focus on the below key areas which include but not limited to.

- Install approximately 500 New Camera's Citywide
- Expand ShotSpotter program
- Firewall Upgrades to help with Cyber Security
- Upgrade a PD Data Center at One Union Avenue
- New CAD/RMS System
- Upgrade PD Data Center at Wintergreen Avenue
- Expand WI-FI for City facilities
- Technology upgrades to promote enhanced collaboration through digital meetings

With the Board of Alder approval, The City can begin looking at strategic technology investments in public safety and the City, Quality of Life: Supplemental Details, and lateral bonuses.

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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