



BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice

Andrea J. Campbell, *Chair*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

October 21, 2021

Dear Councilors:

The Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice was referred the following dockets for consideration:

Docket 0845 - Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,150,000.00) in the form of a grant for a comprehensive, inter-agency strategy that connects law enforcement, employment, education, public health and youth development agencies to reduce youth violence in the Commonwealth. This additional funding increases the total grant to \$2,300,000.00 over two years, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Health and Human Services to be administered by the Police Department.

Docket 0954 - Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY22 Public Safety Answering Point Support and Incentive Grant, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department.

Docket 0956 - Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Eighteen Dollars and Seventy-Three Cents (\$399,418.73) in the form of a grant for the FY22 State 911 Training Grant, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department.

Docket 1012 - Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) in the form of a grant for the FY21 Securing the Cities, awarded by the United States Department of Homeland Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund Year 2 of the Securing the Cities grant project, which enhances the ability of the United States to detect and prevent terrorist attacks and other high-consequence events utilizing nuclear or other radiological materials that pose a threat to homeland security in high-risk urban areas.

Docket 1036 - Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend FY2020 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program Funds, Two Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars (\$239,254.00) by the United States Department of Justice.

These matters were sponsored by the Administration, and were referred to the Committee on 7/19/21 (Docket 0845), 9/10/21 (Dockets 0954 and 0956), 9/24/21 (Docket 1012) and 10/4/21 (Docket 1036). A public hearing was held on Thursday, October 21, 2021. Frank DeLuca, Program Administrator, BPD/ORD SSI, Roy Martin, Program Director, BPHC, Aly Boehler, Senior Program Manager, BPHC, Christopher Markunas, Director of Quality Assurance, Operations Division, BPD, Anthony Rizzo, Program Coordinator, BPD/BRIC/STC, Kevin Larade, Director of Quality Assurance, Forensic Division, BPD and Maria Cheevers, BPD Director of Research and Development, all gave the committee a breakdown and overview of how the monies are planned to be used within the department.

Summary of Legislation

Docket 0845, grant in the amount of \$1,150,000.00 will fund FY22 and FY23 Safe and Successful Youth Initiative. BPD has entered into an agreement with BPHC to be the SSI Lead Agency which manages and coordinates delivery of transitional services by various community-based organizations to those identified proven risk young adults.

Docket 0954, grant in the amount of \$4,000,000.00 will fund costs associated with providing Enhanced 911 Services.

Docket 0956, grant in the amount of \$399,418.73 will fund the training and certification of Enhanced 911 Telecommunications staff.

Docket 1012, grant in the amount \$1,500,000.00 will fund Year 2 of the Securing the Cities grant project, which enhances the ability of the United States to detect and prevent terrorist attacks and other high-consequence events utilizing nuclear or other radiological materials that pose a threat to homeland security in high-risk urban areas.

Docket 1036, grant in the amount of, \$239,254.00 will fund FY2020 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program.

Committee Chair Recommended Action

As Chair of the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice, I recommend moving the listed dockets from the Committee to the full Council for discussion and formal action. At that time, my recommendation to the full Council will be that these matters **OUGHT TO PASS**.



Andrea J Campbell, Chair

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