



BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice

Michael Flaherty, *Chair*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

January 26, 2023

Dear Councilors:

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

Docket #0114, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Presidentially Declared Disaster, awarded by Federal Emergency Management Agency, passed through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, to be administered by Risk Management. The grant will fund reimbursement for expenses related to the Blizzard of January 29-30, 2022;

Docket #0115, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,250,000.00) in the form of a grant for the FY23 State Training Grant, awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund equipment and miscellaneous supplies for the BFD Training Academy and the Technical Rescue division, both located on Moon Island in Boston Harbor.

These matters were sponsored by Mayor Michelle Wu and were referred to the Committee on January 11, 2023. A public hearing was held on Thursday, January 26, 2023. Paul Burke, Boston Fire Commissioner; Benjamin McNeil, Budget Management; and, Kathleen Schilp-Judge, Deputy Commissioner for Administration & Finance testified on Docket #0114 for the Boston Fire Department. Robert Calobrisi, Chief of Operations and Rodney Marshall, Chief of Operations testified on Docket #0115. They gave the committee a breakdown and overview of how the monies are planned to be used in the departments.

Summary of Legislation

For Docket #0114, the funds of \$5,000,000.00 will be a reimbursement for expenses related to the Blizzard of January 29-30, 2022. For Docket #0115, the grant in the amount of \$2,250,000.00 will fund equipment and miscellaneous supplies for the Boston Fire Department Training Academy and Technical Rescue division, both located on Moon Island in Boston Harbor. Commissioner Burke informed the committee that some of the training will include: fire training, instructors training, functional skill test, EMT training, emergency rescue and academy activities.

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**.

Michael P. Flaherty

Michael Flaherty, Chair
Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice