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Honorable City Council Members

RE: Agenda Items 213856 and 213854 (Jul 12, 2022 Finance Committee Meeting) – Requesting acceptance of a \$22,692 grant, with required match, from the Metro Mayors Coalition Shannon Initiative to the Police Department for youth violence prevention; Requesting approval of a transfer of \$7,076 from the Police Overtime Account to the Grant Match Account for the Metro Mayor Coalition Shannon Grant match requirement

Dear Council Members:

Please accept this communication as an official response to Councilors McLaughlin, Pineda Neufeld, and Kelly’s information request regarding Agenda Items 213856 and 213854.

Councilor McLaughlin –

In FY23, SPD will be using Shannon Grant funding for the following community-based initiatives

| Strategies | Programs and Initiatives |
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| Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community safety meetings, in coordination with the Racial and Social Justice Department - Walk & Talk with youth throughout each ward |
| Community Mobilization | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gang and Gun Violence Education and Training Workshops for parents/guardians and youth that will address risk factors, Somerville stats, community resources, opportunities for conversations with community members affected by community violence. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Online pre-recorded workshops ○ In-person workshops |
| Education & Employment | - Homework help/ tutoring sessions |
| Positive Youth Development & Recreation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aug 3, 2022 - SPD Basketball Game with youth living in the Mystic Housing Area (Mystic Activity Center) - Aug 6, 2022 - 13th Annual Shannon Grant Basketball Tournament (see attached flyer) - Periodic basketball games beyond the summer |

Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Kelly –

We appreciate the questions asked at the July 12, 2022 meeting. Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide answers to those questions today because our key staff member involved in data questions is out sick. Given the questions are primarily about data in the grant application, we do not anticipate that the responses to these questions would impact how the funds are being used in FY23. Therefore, we are requesting that the City Council approve the grant acceptance and transfer request at tonight’s meeting. SPD appreciates the importance of answering these questions and will prioritize getting answers to these questions as soon as possible. Thank you for your consideration.

ORGANIZED BY THE METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL

13TH ANNUAL SHANNON GRANT

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

TEAMS MUST BE
CO-ED AND
CONSIST OF
YOUTH IN HIGH
SCHOOL!

THERE WILL BE
ARTISTS,
BACKYARD
GAMES, AND
MORE!



SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2022

9:30AM TEAM REGISTRATION

10AM-1:30PM TOURNAMENT

TEAMS MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED BY JULY 22ND!

RIVERGREEN PARK, EVERETT, MA 02149

JOIN US AS TEAMS FROM EIGHT COMMUNITIES COME TOGETHER FOR A
BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TO CELEBRATE A SAFE SUMMER.

SPONSORED BY THE METRO MAYORS COALITION AND THE METRO MAYORS SHANNON COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVE (MMC CSI). THE MMC CSI IS FUNDED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY'S OFFICE OF GRANTS AND RESEARCH AND BRINGS TOGETHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AND COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO REDUCE YOUTH VIOLENCE AND GANG INVOLVEMENT THROUGH LAW ENFORCEMENT, JOB TRAINING, AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS.

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