

July 23, 2020

Councilman Gruber,

On behalf of the Rochester Police Locust Club and The Rochester Fire Fighters Association Local 1071, IAFF, we are deeply concerned with your recent council vote of "no", on Ordinance 271, authorizing an agreement for a Department of Justice Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program grant. Thankfully, for our members and this City, eight other members of council voted affirmatively for the grant.

Our Police and Fire members provide vital and essential public safety for the city of Rochester.

Everyday members place themselves in harm's way to protect those who we have sworn to protect. The dangers of a police officer and a fire fighter's job have been heightened due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Despite this heightened risk, no police officer or fire fighter in this city has backed away from their responsibilities, despite having limited personal protective equipment (PPE).

To vote against a grant that would supply funds for resources to ensure the safety of our members, with no apparent logical or articulable reason, raises the question of the motivation behind your decision.

Our members can only conclude that you have some strong personal bias against every fire fighter and police officer in this city. Your decision does not only endanger our members but also every citizen of this city that relies on the services that both fire and police provide them. To vote against resources needed now more than ever, when the entire country is feeling the stresses of a national pandemic, should cause all to question not only your motivation but your ability to serve as a member of city council.

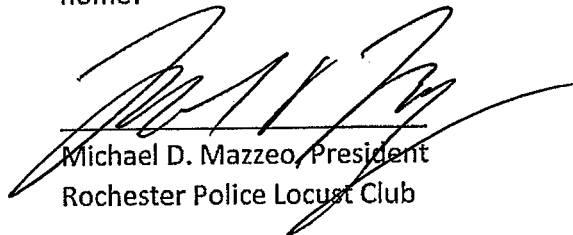
Despite your questionable support for our members, we want you to know that should there ever be a need for our services, we will be there for you and your family and will provide the same level of dedicated service that every other citizen of this city has come to know and respect, and we pray we have the needed resources to accomplish that mission successfully as well!

Page 2 of 2

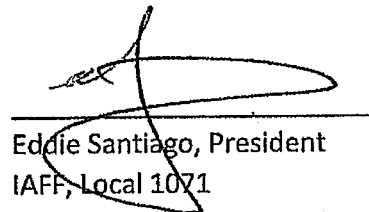
Gruber

07/23/20

Perhaps someday you will come to recognize the importance of every vital and essential worker who proudly serve this city even through a deadly pandemic , instead of showing a total disregard for their safety and welfare, by way of a virtual meeting, while in the safety of your home!



Michael D. Mazzeo, President
Rochester Police Locust Club



Eddie Santiago, President
IAFF, Local 1071

Xc: Mayor Lovely Warren
Police Chief La'Ron Singletary
City Council President Loretta Scott
City Council Vice-President Willie Lightfoot
City of Rochester Fire Chief Will Jackson



City of Rochester

City Hall Room 308A, 30 Church Street
Rochester, New York 14614-1290
www.cityofrochester.gov

PUBLIC SAFETY, YOUTH & RECREATION INTRODUCTORY NO.

Lovely A. Warren
Mayor

271

June 25, 2020

POLICE 22

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: Agreement – Department of Justice
Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental
Funding Program grant

Council Priority: Public Safety

Comprehensive Plan 2034 Initiative Area:
Reinforcing Strong Neighborhoods

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation authorizing an agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, for the receipt and use of \$474,300 for the Bureau of Justice Assistance FY 20 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program grant and amending the 2020-21 Budget of the Police Department (\$131,700) and Undistributed Expenses (\$41,800) to reflect a portion of this grant.

The total funds will be shared between the Police Department (\$304,040) and the Fire Department (\$170,260) and will be used to purchase supplies related to preparing for, preventing, and responding to the coronavirus; police overtime costs (including fringe); and fitting of N-95 masks for police.

The term of this agreement is January 20, 2020 through January 31, 2022 with a possible extension of one additional year. This is the first time the City is receiving these funds.

Respectfully submitted,

Lovely A. Warren
Mayor



INTRODUCTORY NO.

271

Police 22

Ordinance No.

Authorizing an agreement for a Department of Justice Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program grant

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice for the receipt and use of a \$474,300 grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance FY 20 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program. Said funds are hereby appropriated to the Police Department in the amount of \$304,040 and to the Fire Department in the amount of \$170,260 for supplies and personnel costs related to preparing for, preventing and responding to the coronavirus pandemic. The term of the agreement shall be January 20, 2020 through January 31, 2022, with the option to extend for 1 year.

Section 2. The agreement shall contain such additional terms and conditions as the Mayor deems to be appropriate.

Section 3. Ordinance No. 2020-161, the 2020-21 Budget of the City of Rochester, as amended, is hereby further amended by increasing the revenue estimates and appropriations to the Budget of the Police Department by the sum of \$131,700 and to the Budget of Undistributed Expenses by the sum of \$41,800, from portions of the grant funds appropriated in Section 1 herein.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.