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The City Council  
Niagara Falls, New York

*RE: NFPD Grant Application and Project*

Council Members:

The Superintendent of Police advises that his department was approached by the Rochester Institute of Technology in partnership with Niagara University to participate in a project led by the Center for Public Safety Initiatives. The purpose of this project is to contribute to criminal justice strategy through research, policy analysis and critical evaluation. The funding for this project would be \$100,000.00 to the NFPD over a period of two (2) years and is being provided by the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative coordinated by the US Bureau of Justice Assistance. The overall goal of this project is to reduce gun related crimes and gang violence by implementing a strategy that focuses on dispute related violence and to further develop and assess that strategic intervention so that it may be applied elsewhere. Lead by the NFPD, the Project Safe Neighborhoods team will identify disputes, assess their risk and utilize a wide range of strategies involving enforcement, deterrence and community outreach to intervene in ongoing retaliatory disputes and prevent violence.

The grant application has already been submitted and project approval is pending. Will the Council approve the grant application process, accept any grant dollars that become available and authorize the Mayor and Superintendant of Police to execute any documents required in order to move this project forward?

Respectfully submitted,

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Mayor

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