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CITY OF BROCKTON RECEIVES PUBLIC SAFETY STAFFING GRANTS
Brockton Police and Fire departments receiving individual grants of more than \$250,000

BROCKTON, MA - Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito and other state officials will visit Brockton Tuesday to award the police and fire departments more than \$250,000 in municipal grants, and announce grants to several other cities and towns.

Polito, Secretary of Public Safety Terence Reidy, and the Executive Director of the Office of Grants & Research Kevin Stanton will join Mayor Robert Sullivan and Acting Brockton Police Chief Steven Williamson, and Fire Chief Brian Nardelli at City Hall to receive the Municipal Public Safety Staffing Grant Awards on **Tuesday, March 29, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.**

Ten communities, including Brockton, applied for this grant to assist with the goal of maintaining public safety and emergency response services.

“The Municipal Public Safety Grant Program empowers local leaders by providing additional resources to help meet public safety needs in their communities,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “We appreciate our strong collaboration with municipalities across the Commonwealth and are grateful for the protection and life-saving work performed by our first responders.”

“We are proud to partner with municipalities to ensure their ability to maintain essential emergency services that keep our communities and residents safe,” said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito. “MUNI grants demonstrate our commitment to a collaborative approach and help to advance our shared mission of delivering the public safety services that our communities expect and deserve.”

“We have a fundamental responsibility to keep Massachusetts residents safe. MUNI grant funds help ensure that police and fire departments can meet the growing demands of public safety and emergency response,” said Public Safety and Security Secretary Terrence Reidy.

Mayor Robert Sullivan is pleased that the Municipal Public Safety Staffing Grants awarded to the City's Police and Fire departments are among the highest awards received for two consecutive years. (The Fire Department will receive \$250,00.)

"I am extremely grateful to Governor Charlie Baker, Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito, Secretary Terrence Reidy, and Executive Director Kevin Stanton for coming together to provide this generous grant opportunity to Brockton," said Mayor Sullivan. "It is paramount that the public safety and emergency response teams within the City have the adequate resources to maintain staffing levels and to continue to operate at a high professional level, providing safety and security to residents and business owners."

"This grant is instrumental in assisting us with the staffing of our apparatus throughout the City at different times of the year," stated Brockton Fire Chief Brian Nardelli. "We have received this grant over a number of years, and we have been able to use it to keep staffing levels where we need them to keep the residents safe. "

"We appreciate the Governor, Mayor Robert Sullivan, and our Grant Coordinator for securing \$275,000," said Acting Police Chief Steven Williamson. "The funds help maintain staffing levels so our men and women can continue to protect and serve the citizens of our city."

Representatives from Lowell, Lynn, Fall River, Newton, Lawrence, Somerville, Framingham, Haverhill, and Malden may also attend as the Baker administration announces their grant awards.

The money will help these cities and towns restore, retain or hire police and fire personnel or for overtime if needed.

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