

MEMORANDUM

To: Marc D. Dashield, City Administrator

Jennifer Wenson Maier, Director DPW & UD

From: Wayne Awald, PP AICP, UEZ Program Coordinator

Date: January 29, 2008

Re: UEZ Police Project, Urban Enterprise Zone Project Budget Amendment Request

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PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY

The attached resolution respectfully requests City Council approval of the budget amendment request (also attached). The UEZ Police Project budget amendment is in the amount of \$75,000. City Council approval facilitates submission of the same budget amendment to the NJ Urban Enterprise Zone Authority for their approval.

The attached budget amendment and time extension request will fund the Plainfield UEZ Police Program approximately three months during which time the City Council will requested to apply to the UEZA with a full second phase funding request. This extension will allow the City's and the project's fiscal years to align and avoid any disruption of police services.

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5. Overall (violent and non-violent) crime is down 10%.
6. Reports generated from some non-violent crimes have increased due to more police presence and enforcement diligence

I have reviewed the accompanying resolution and attest to its accuracy and viability.

Jennifer Wenson Maier, Director of DPW & UD

Approved for Submission to City Council

Marc D. Dashield

Marc D. Dashield, City Administrator

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE AUTHORITY FOR PROJECT FINANCING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000 FOR THE CONTINUED SERVICES OF FOUR SENIOR POLICE OFFICERS IN THE PLAINFIELD UEZ

WHEREAS, the City of Plainfield is a designated Urban Enterprise Zone municipality where qualified businesses are eligible to collect sales tax at the reduced rate of 3.5% as opposed to the full rate of 7%; and

WHEREAS, the revenue collected at this reduced tax rate is deposited in the Urban Enterprise Zone Assistance Fund by the New Jersey Division of Taxation and is available for use by the City of Plainfield for programs and projects designed to promote economic development; and

WHEREAS, strategies to combat urban crime are a response to statistical data and public perception and economic development and the investment of private capital into urban communities largely depends on the perception of safety; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plainfield has employed various strategies to reduce the incidents of crime and support economic development; and

WHEREAS, the crime fighting strategies include programs that require additional police personnel to maximize program goals to reduce crime, improve crime prevention and increase the perception of safety in the city; and

WHEREAS, these goals are largely required in the city's UEZ, where additional police personnel can partner with motivated business organizations to improve safety; and

WHEREAS, this is a municipal services project requiring a city match of 20% or \$15,000 of the total cost of \$90,000 for the continued services of four seasoned police officers; and

WHEREAS, the proposal is an eligible use of Urban Enterprise Zone Assistance Funds under the provisions of the Urban Enterprise Zone Act, P.L. 1993, Chapter 367 and there is sufficient funding, as evidenced in the Urban Enterprise Zone Projects Status report dated, December 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, this application will allow the UEZ Police Program to become aligned with the City fiscal year with a second phase of the project to be submitted to City Council and then to UEZA for their approval in April 2008; and

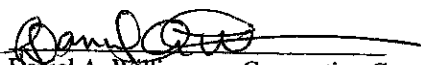
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Plainfield that the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an application to the Urban Enterprise Zone Authority and accept funding in the amount of \$75,000 to continue receiving the services of four seasoned police officers with deployment in the UEZ and to execute such contract documents as may be required subject to the review and approval of the Corporation Counsel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a fully executed copy of this resolution will be filed in the Office of the City Clerk

Adopted by the City Council February 6, 2008

Laddie Wyatt, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:


Daniel A. Williamson, Corporation Counsel

State of New Jersey
Urban Enterprise Zone Authority
Contract Amendment Form

Recipient's Name: CITY OF PLAINFIELD
Project Name: UEZ POLICE OFFICERS

Project No.: 06-114
Authority Meeting Date: 03/12/08

Section I - Reason for Amendment

- 1. Changes in Contract Term
 - a. Original Term: 03.08.06 to 03.31.07
 - b. Current End Date: 03.31.08
 - c. Proposed New End Date: 06.30.08
 - d. Number of extensions previously approved by UEZ Authority: 1

- 2. Changes in Type of Service
- 3. Changes in Level of Service
- 4. Changes in Program Methodology
- 5. Increase/Decrease in Total Contract Amount

- a. Original Contract amount previously approved by the UEZ Authority: \$286,054
- b. Number of budget increases previously approved by UEZ Authority: 0
- c. Total dollar amount of budget increases previously approved by UEZ Authority: 0

6. Other - Please Explain Below

Section II - Justification

NOTE: Justifications must be specific. Please provide as much detail as necessary and make sure to disclose all information. If necessary you may attach additional pages.
See Attached Program Description

Section III - Approvals

NOTE: Contract Amendments are not retroactive and will only become effective on the Authority Meeting Date indicated above



Zone Representative _____ Date: 01.23.08

UEZA Representative _____ Date: _____

**State of New Jersey
Urban Enterprise Zone Authority
Budget Modification Form**

Recipient's Name: City of Plainfield UEZ

Project No: 06-144

Budget Period: 03.31.08 to 06.30.08

Effective Date: 03.12.08

Project Name: **UEZ POLICE OFFICERS**

Budget Category	Present Budget	Proposed Increase (+)	Proposed Decrease (-)	Revised Budget
Municipal Services				
Salaries/Fringe	\$ 281,654	\$ 75,000		\$ 356,654
Equipment	\$ 4,400			
Construction				
Acquisition				
Equipment				
Professional Services				
Administration				
Loan				
Grants				
Marketing				
TOTAL AMOUNT	\$ 286,054	\$ 75,000		\$ 361,054

Justification for Budget Modification: (Please attach a separate sheet detailing the reasons)

1. Change in Total Contract Amount
 2. Addition or Deletion of a Budget Category

City Representative  Date: 01.22.08

UEZA Representative _____ Date: _____

UEZ Police Officers Project

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Police visited and interviewed over 500+ businesses within the UEZ. This one-on-one contact with the business owners gave the police officers the time to get to know the people that they are protecting and allowed business owners to become familiar with their community police personnel. A partnership ensued, that brought both business and police together to protect the UEZ. The police now have additional allies in the local business community to assist them in keeping the UEZ clean and safe.

Research for additional funding sources for this program has been thoroughly investigated. No additional funding sources are available.

This project will comply as it has previously with UEZ Policy Circular 05-01.