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Bristol Town Council
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RE: 7th Annual Children's Leadership Camp

Dear Bristol Town Council Chair Calouro, and Honorable Members of the Bristol Town Council,

The Bristol Police Department is holding our 7th annual Children's Leadership Camp called the "Bristol Police Youth Leadership Academy" during August of 2024 to engage youth in constructive team building and empowerment activities while building a framework for youth leadership and fostering better relations with youth and the Police Department. This camp fills up annually in very short time- due in large part to the rave reviews received from returning campers.

Our camp breaks each day into a different theme fostering different objectives for the children to learn and demonstrate. This is done through interactive games, activities, and skill building. The Academy is designed to instruct children in the areas of leadership, integrity, respect, honesty, teamwork, communication, and courage as its primary themes. Our camp is geared to make peer leaders out of its campers, in hopes that campers can positively influence their peers at home and in school settings. It also includes short lessons on law enforcement, anti-bullying education, and substance abuse prevention.

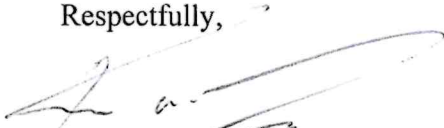
Children who fully complete this academy meet new friends, learn new skills, and develop a sense of teamwork, accomplishment, and pride. It builds a long-lasting positive relationship between them and the members of the Bristol Police Department. Furthermore, the targeted age range of 9 to 14-year-old youth helps bridge the gap between Elementary grade youth and Middle school grade youth, a particularly vulnerable age group. We have numerous campers who return each year to teach other campers and guide them through the program, solidifying the concept of building peer leaders.

There are costs involved in successfully running this camp, primarily in the cost of the ropes course and bus transportation to and from this event. Also, we must cover the cost of necessary food and drink items, and sanitation products. We have expanded our camp again this year as it continues to grow in popularity and scope.

Notably, there are ancillary costs of hosting the camp that we require assistance to fund: (e.g. camp counselors, luncheons, apparel for staff and campers, awards, and daily camp activity equipment). As such we are asking the Town Council to assist with some of these costs in whatever capacity the town can help. As the demand for the camp has increased, we continue to grow the scope and size of the camp each year. As such, we are humbly requesting at least \$1500.00 in funding. We are confident that this camp can once again be a success this year and provide an even more meaningful experience.

Lastly, we are grateful for any assistance the Town council can provide in assisting with the cost of this constructive community endeavor.

Respectfully,

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Kevin M. Lynch
Chief of Police