

CODE: 30-301 Police Department/Education Reimbursement

SECTION 56-6

Bid2021-062 Police Educational Expenses

Various Vendors

Contract Award: \$80,000.00

Contract Period: July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

City of Warwick

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June 8, 2020

Mrs. Patricia Peshka, Purchasing Agent
City of Warwick
3275 Post Road
Warwick RI 02886

Re: Request for Spending Authorization – Police College Education Expenses BID 2021-062
C. O. 56-6, “Exception to Notice Requirement” – Various Vendors
Funding Source: Operating Budget – Education Reimbursement, Code 30-301

Dear Mrs. Peshka:

The department is seeking authorization under the provisions of City Ordinance 56-6, “Exception to Notice Requirement,” to expend funds for college expenses on an as needed basis, not to exceed \$80,000.00 for police officers for fiscal year 2021. The current contract expires June 30, 2020.

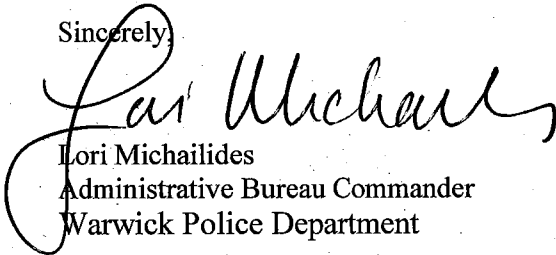
The exception to notice requirement is requested as officers are allowed to attend various colleges and universities offering approved degree programs in accordance with R.I.G.L. 42-28.1. State law provides for reimbursement and compensation for these educational expenses to include tuition, books, and supplies. The statute further allows officers to enroll in any university, college, or technical institution approved by the regional accrediting association of colleges and secondary schools.

Contractual provisions also require officers to attain minimum college credits in related law enforcement fields for promotion commencing with the rank of sergeant.

Vouchers would be prepared by the department based on certification of successful completion of any course taken during a semester to reimburse the officer for the initial expenses. Funding for these expenses would be allocated from the department’s operating budget, code 30-301, “Education Reimbursement.” This one year contract is valid from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020.

Please feel free to contact me should you require any further information.

Sincerely,


Lori Michailides
Administrative Bureau Commander
Warwick Police Department