

TOWN OF BROOKFIELD
OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN

Stephen C. Dunn
First Selectman



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February 4, 2021

TO: Board of Finance

FROM: Steve Dunn, First Selectman

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RE: **Police Outside Services Fund Request – Radio System**

At a meeting on February 1, 2021, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to forward a request to the Board of Finance for an appropriation of up to \$20,000.00 from the Police Department Outside Services Fund, to purchase the services of a consultant to evaluate and make recommendations for the capital upgrade or replacement of the town-wide emergency radio system hosted at the Brookfield Police Department, as outlined in Chief Purcell's letter dated January 26, 2021.

We thank you for your review and consideration of this matter.


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Attachment

Cc: Jay Purcell, Chief of Police

Memo

To: Brookfield Police Commission, Brookfield Board of Selectmen, and Brookfield Board of Finance

From: Chief James L. Purcell 

CC: Capt. Peter Frengs

Date: 1/26/2021

Re: Request for an appropriation of up to **\$20,000.00** from the Police Outside Services Fund for the purpose of hiring an Emergency Radio System Upgrade Consultant.

This is to request funding, through the Police Outside Services Fund, for the hiring of a consultant to evaluate the potential capital purchase of an upgrade or replacement to the town-wide emergency radio system. This purchase, through the OSF, is authorized as outlined in the Policy approved by the Brookfield Board of Selectmen on December 3, 2012.

BACKGROUND: The existing town-wide emergency radio system, utilized by Police, Public Works, Vol. Fire and EMS services in the town, is at end of useful service life and must be upgraded or replaced. The last upgrade to this system was in made in 2006-7. Technology and the interoperability needs of the supported emergency services of Brookfield have changed dramatically in the years since the last upgrade. Options to bring the Brookfield Emergency Radio System up to date and make it resilient as well as interoperable with state and regional systems are complex and require a degree of expertise not available from Brookfield staff. A well-qualified consultant, with a knowledge of Connecticut specific emergency radio communications operations, must be hired to guide the town in this upgrade and purchase process.

REQUEST: The Brookfield Police Department requests the appropriation of up to **\$20,000.00** from the Police Department Outside Services Fund, to purchase the services of a consultant to evaluate and make recommendations for the capital upgrade or replacement of the town-wide emergency radio system hosted at the Brookfield Police Department.

ACTION:

Police Commission:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied	DATE: _____
Board of Selectmen:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied	DATE: 2/1/21 
Board of Finance:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied	DATE: _____