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BEACHWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT SELECTED TO RECEIVE STATE GRANT FUNDS

(BEACHWOOD, OHIO –July 13, 2022) – Governor Mike DeWine’s office announced last week that the Beachwood Police Department is one of 25 law enforcement agencies to be awarded funds from the American Rescue Plan Funding Grant through its fourth round of distributions. Beachwood will be receiving \$559,073 and this money will be used to hire two full-time officers for a period of two years, covering their salary and benefits. This will allow the police department to assign two officers on a full-time basis exclusively at Beachwood Place, explains Beachwood Police Chief Kate Dolan.

“We are very happy with this outcome after applying for the grant. We believe a more visible presence at the mall will step up security and enhance community relations,” states Dolan.

In conjunction with this grant, Chief Dolan will seek permission to use funds from the Police Department’s Law Enforcement Trust Fund to lease property for two years at Co-Hatch, located in Beachwood Place. She anticipates that the space, which will act as a police department substation, will be highly visible to guests in a spot overlooking the food court. She will also pursue permission to use funds from this account to purchase equipment for the space.

Officers who work out of this location will increase visibility along with serving as a deterrent to those who go to the mall for purposes other than dining and shopping, notes Chief Dolan. Mayor Justin Berns is pleased with this development and notes that it dovetails with his mayoral campaign pledges.

“Early in my campaign, I discussed seeking funding opportunities from outside sources to assist with city operations and about the importance of Beachwood Place as an asset to the City of Beachwood,” states Mayor Berns. “I appreciate our police department’s diligence in applying for and obtaining the funding necessary to provide a permanent police presence at Beachwood Place.”

Officer Jamey Appell was responsible for handling the fund’s grant application, and he was assisted by other members of the police department’s administrative team. The grant program is administered by the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services within the Ohio Department of Public Safety. The funds are designed to help maintain current law enforcement staffing levels, recruit new officers and continue ongoing public safety services to prevent and investigate violent crime.

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