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Mayor Healy Announces City to Receive \$200,000 State Grant for Police Department Records Maintenance
Funds will be re-funneled into Jersey City through local program that utilizes persons with disabilities and trains and prepares them to be members of the workforce

JERSEY CITY – **Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy** announced today that the City of Jersey City will receive a **\$200,000 grant** from the New Jersey Department of State to assist in the maintenance of Police Department records.

The City applied for the grant after a needs assessment, also funded through a grant from the NJ Department of State, highlighted issues with Police Department records.

The study, which was conducted by the New Jersey Institute of Technology’s Center for Information Age Technology, revealed that many of the Police Department’s records that are required to be maintained permanently were stored in facilities that were environmentally unsound.

“We felt that this was an important project that needed to be undertaken immediately,” said **City Clerk Robert Byrne**. “But to assist us in the cost of such a voluminous project, I applied for the state funds that help municipalities in need of records maintenance.”

The grant, which will be matched by an additional \$138,000 from the City, is administered through the Department of State’s Public Archives and Records Infrastructure Support’s grant program. PARIS was established by the State to assist municipal governments in their records management, storage and preservation.

The grant will be awarded as a contract to Hudson Enterprises’ Metro Scanning, a Jersey City-based non-profit that utilizes persons with occupational disabilities and trains and prepares them to be members of the workforce.

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Metro Scanning will scan, copy and place on DVD all the permanent Police Department records currently in storage in Police Headquarters at 8 Erie Street. Some of these records include homicides and cold cases dating back to 1912, Byrne said.

“This is a prime example of the City utilizing state grants to undertake a project that is much needed without adding an additional burden to the taxpayers,” **Mayor Healy** said. “And what is even better is that this funding will be re-channeled into the Jersey community through an excellent program that helps train individuals with disabilities with job and life skills.”

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