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Subject: Berlin: Authority to Sign for PD Grants

Good afternoon Jim,

It appears from the two sections of your charter that you specified and the City Manager form of government and the Council's responsibility for fiscal matters, that authority should stay with the City Manager, not be vested in the Police Chief.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

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Good Morning,

Historically, City Council Resolutions for Police Dept. grants have not given authority to the Police Chief to execute the grants. The City Manager has signed each grant. The PD, for matters of efficiency and simplicity have asked if authority could be given to the Police Chief. Please see the attached proposed Resolution with authorizing sentence.

Given the City Manager form of government and the Council's responsibility for fiscal matters, is it allowable/appropriate under our Charter if the Council chooses to grant the authority or should it stay with the City Manager?

Our Charter can be reviewed
at: https://www.berlinnh.gov/sites/berlinnh/files/uploads/city_charter.pdf

Subpart A Section 14e and Division 3 Section 2 will be of relevance.

Thanks!