

**City of Providence**  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

**CHAPTER 2019-57**

**No. 545 AN ORDINANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 21, SECTION 19 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, ENTITLED "CAPITAL EQUIPMENT BUDGET," AS AMENDED**

**Approved December 27, 2019**

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

SECTION I. That the City of Providence enter into a lease purchase agreement to finalize the purchase of the following list of capital items of improvements totaling, subsequently in accordance with the attached schedule of estimated payments:

**\$ 15,000,000 MASTER LEASE  
Preliminary list of equipment**

	Quantity	Price Per	Total Cost	Total for Department
<b>PUBLIC PROPERTY</b>				
Electric Vehicles & Charging Stations	TBD	TBD	\$500,000	
City Hall Interior Improvements	TBD	TBD	\$150,000	
Decorative Lighting Upgrades	50	\$2,000	\$100,000	
Miscellaneous	TBD	TBD	\$930,009	
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC PROPERTY</b>				<b>\$1,680,009</b>
<b>PARKS</b>				
Skidsteer with Attachments	1	\$55,000	\$55,000	
Brush Chipper	1	\$85,000	\$85,000	
Stump Grinder	1	\$80,000	\$80,000	
Recycle/Trash Vehicle	1	\$80,000	\$80,000	
Hydrostatic Drive Large Volume Leaf Blower	2	\$14,000	\$28,000	
4x4 One Ton Dump Truck	3	\$63,000	\$189,000	
3/4 Ton Truck	3	\$48,000	\$144,000	
Ballfield Groomer	1	\$28,000	\$28,000	
11' Zero Turn Hydro Mowers	5	\$35,000	\$175,000	
3/4 Ton Van	1	\$40,000	\$40,000	
Landscape Trailer,	3	\$15,000	\$45,000	
5 Ton Dump 6x6	1	\$110,000	\$110,000	
Fork Lift	1	\$40,000	\$40,000	
Backhoe	1	\$120,000	\$120,000	
Pedestrian Bridge Security Cameras	2	\$50,000	\$100,000	
<b>TOTAL PARKS</b>				<b>\$1,290,500</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>				
Roll-Off Truck (Highway Div)	1	\$150,000	\$150,000	
Front Loader (Highway)	1	\$130,000	\$130,000	
Landscaper Trucks	1	\$35,000	\$35,000	
Double Cab Pickups 4 x 4 with plows	2	\$55,000	\$110,000	
Six Wheelers	6	\$130,000	\$780,000	
Backhoe	1	\$100,000	\$100,000	

Chevy Utility Truck w/compressor & railings	2	\$45,000	\$90,000	
Plow, Sander, Saddle Tanks	8/8/12	\$80,000	\$640,000	
Mattress Shredder	1	\$175,000	\$175,000	
Street Sweeper (wet)	1	\$256,000	\$256,000	
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS				\$2,466,000
RECREATION				
Rec Center Security Upgrades	7	\$100,000	\$700,000	
TOTAL PUBLIC PROPERTY				\$700,000
FIRE				
Air Compressor for SCBA	1	\$130,000	\$130,000	
Portable Radios Grant Match	1	\$90,000	\$90,000	
Ladder Truck Grant Match	1	\$169,000	\$169,000	
14' Inflatable Boat	1	\$15,000	\$15,000	
SUV Medical In-Service Support Vehicle	1	\$45,000	\$45,000	
Pumper Truck	1	\$600,000	\$600,000	
Radio Upgrades	250	\$9,450	\$2,362,500	
Smoke Trailer	1	\$108,000	\$108,000	
Grant Match - Special Hazard Truck	1	\$73,700	\$73,700	
TOTAL FIRE				\$3,593,200
PEMA				
SUV Emergency Management HQs	1	\$43,000	\$43,000	
EOC Computer Upgrade	39	\$1,000	\$39,000	
TOTAL PEMA				\$82,000
POLICE				
BCI Van	1	\$50,000	\$50,000	
Narcotic Vehicle	1	\$15,000	\$15,000	
Patrol Cars	15	\$50,000	\$750,000	
Detective Vehicles	10	\$30,000	\$300,000	
Commercial Enforcement	1	\$45,000	\$45,000	
Radio Upgrades	575	\$5,477	\$3,149,275	
Speed Alert Radar Message	5	\$18,900	\$94,500	
FATS Simulated Indoor Training	1	\$80,016	\$80,016	
TOTAL POLICE				\$4,793,791
COMMISSIONER				
Computer Upgrades	66	\$1,000	\$66,000	
TOTAL COMMISSIONER				\$66,000
COMMUNICATIONS				
Microwave Radio Upgrade	1	\$300,000	\$300,000	
TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS				\$300,000
TOTAL MASTER LEASE				\$15,000,000

SECTION II. This ordinance is an affirmative action of the City Council of the City of Providence toward the issuance of the lease purchase agreement in accordance with the purposes of the laws of the State of Rhode Island. This ordinance constitutes the City's declaration of official intent pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 to reimburse the City's General Fund for certain capital expenditures for the leased equipment paid on or after the date which is sixty (60) days prior to the date of this ordinance, but prior to the issuance of the lease purchase agreement. Such amounts to be reimbursed shall not exceed \$15,000,000, and shall be reimbursed not later than eighteen (18) months after (a) the date on which the expenditure is paid, or (b) the date the Project is placed in service or abandoned but in no event later than three (3) years after the date the expenditure is paid.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
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FIRST READING  
READ AND PASSED

Alan Bellodi CLERK

IN CITY  
COUNCIL  
DEC 19 2019  
FINAL READING  
READ AND PASSED

Sofina Mato PRESIDENT  
Alan Bellodi CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE

[Signature]  
Mayor  
Date: 12/27/19

ANGÉLICA INFANTE-GREEN  
*Commissioner of Education*

FRANCES A. GALLO, Ed.D.  
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# Providence Schools

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November 12, 2019

The Honorable John Igliazzi  
Majority Whip  
Providence City Council  
Providence City Hall  
25 Dorrance St.  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Councilman Igliazzi,

Public school districts such as Providence must prioritize their limited funds to achieve maximum results. Every year, our team works painstakingly to craft a budget that supports student achievement and gives educators the tools they need to be effective.

While placing washing machines in school buildings is a laudable enterprise, the \$50,000 this effort requires could be better used to fund more urgent and essential needs of the district. For example, this funding could be repurposed to pay for more services for multilingual learners, supports for school social workers or more culturally responsive teaching materials.

Installing washing machines has been a strategy some school districts have used to improve attendance, reasoning that students whose families lack regular access to laundry appliances would be more likely to go to school if they have clean clothes to wear. The Providence Public School District takes the issue of student absenteeism seriously and has already implemented a number of direct strategies—from family text notifications to school-based attendance teams to in-school private counseling services—that begin to address barriers to school attendance.

The RI Dept. of Education (RIDE) has also made the issue of chronic absenteeism a priority; we look forward to collaborating with RIDE, leveraging their tools and expertise to improve attendance and engagement in Providence schools. As our chronic absenteeism rate drops over time, we may revisit the idea of washing machines as a way to further improve student attendance. For now, however, the district believes that \$50,000 may be better spent on other interventions.

Sincerely,



Dr. Frances Gallo  
Interim Superintendent

Cc: Commissioner Infante-Green

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