

2025- COPS Hiring Grant Proposal
Chief Brandon Wilhelm
June 17th, 2025 City of Dodgeville Common Council Meeting

OVERVIEW

The Dodgeville Police Department is currently staffed with 11 full-time (FTE) Sworn Law Enforcement Officers. This includes the Chief and the Lieutenant.

The current population of Dodgeville is 5,077 as of July 2024 (*U.S. Census Bureau Quickfacts: Dodgeville City, Wisconsin*). These numbers are likely to have increased since the time of census and there is likely to be additional future growth due to building/development.

The current FTE sworn officers in the City of Dodgeville per 1,000 residents' figure is 2.16.

Local police departments serving fewer than 10,000 residents had 2.8 FTE sworn officers per 1,000 residents on average (U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2022, p. 4)

Adding one additional Officer would bring the City of Dodgeville ratio to 2.36.

HISTORY

October 3rd, 2024 Finance Committee Minutes- Chief Wilhelm presented a request for a new officer. The request is estimated at \$100K. Aulik requested minor wage increases for administrative staff members which would result in \$4,766 to the general fund. Motion by Johnson-Solberg, second by DeVoss to leave these requests in preliminary budget. Voice vote. Motion carried 2-0.

October 15th, 2024 Council Meeting . Discussion and possible action to approve the 2025 Preliminary Budget. Aulik provided an overview of the preliminary 2025 Budget. Motion by DeVoss, second by Johnson to approve the 2025 Preliminary Budget. Roll call vote. Motion carried 7-0

October 21st, 2024 PFC Meeting- The City Council approved the Dodgeville Police Department 2025 Budget on October 15, 2024. Motion was made by Mary McKinley to approve the new Officer addition in 2025 with further detail at the time the position is proposed. Second by Tom Demuth. Motion passed 4-0

In 2025 the Union Contract increased the 2025 budget by approximately \$86,000 related to wage and fringe. It was unclear if this additional expenditure would allow for the initial proposal of an additional Officer as discussed.

GRANT

As of May 2025, there is **\$156.6 million** in funding available through FY 2025 CHP. Each award will support up to 75 percent of an officer or deputy entry-level salaries and fringe benefits for

three years within a five-year period of performance to accommodate time needed for recruitment and hiring.

There is a minimum 25 percent local cash match (cost share) requirement, unless a waiver is approved. The maximum federal share per officer position is \$125,000 over the three-year period, (not \$125,00 per year) unless a local match waiver is approved. Any additional costs for higher than entry-level salaries and fringe benefits will be the responsibility of the recipient agency.

Applicants may request up to 2 percent of the federal award amount for direct costs associated with administering the award.

A full description of this Grant is included within the packet.

VISION

If awarded, the Dodgeville Police Department would be looking to strategically utilize the additionally funded patrol position to increase investigative efforts via the possible promotion of a current Officer to an investigator position that may be coupled with the Drug Task Force Position. There may also be subsequent restructuring within the Department to enhance the overall efficiency of the Department and oversight and management of Officers. Should the Grant be awarded there would be further discussion regarding these potential changes.

COST

The current cost for an Officer (Years 1-3 averaged over four differing insurance and fringe rates utilizing the new contract totals is \$94,691).

The grant would therefore require an **approximate** 25% match of \$23,672.81 for 3 years.

After the three years the estimated current cost would be **approximately** \$94,961.

CITATIONS

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