



## REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

**AGENDA DATE:** April 25, 2022

**AGENDA ITEM:** Consider authorizing Grand Rapids Police Department to apply for the 2022 COPS Grant.

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### **BACKGROUND:**

Grand Rapids Police Department is interested in applying for the 2022 COPS Grant offered by U.S. Department of Justice. This program furthers the COPS Office's goal of advancing public safety through community policing by funding additional full-time career law enforcement positions to meet law enforcement agencies' community policing strategies.

If successful, the grant would provide a total of \$125,000 over three (3) years to assist local agencies in offsetting cost associated with officer wages and benefits. Upon conclusion of the three (3) year grant period, the total financial responsibility would stand with the employer.

Grand Rapids Police Department was successful in receiving the COPS Grant in 2011 and Officer Tim Dirkes was hired.

The SF-424 grant and the SF-LLL grant would be due June 9, 2022

The full application including attachments would be due June 16, 2022

GRPD will be working closely with Finance Department in efforts to further explore / apply for the 2022 COPS Grant

### **REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:**

Make a motion to authorize Grand Rapids Police Department to apply for the 2022 COPS Grant.