



## Council Agenda Item

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Agenda Item: COPS Hiring Grant

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### BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

The U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) has opened a solicitation for grant requests under the FY24 COPS Hiring Program (CHP). In order to be eligible, applicants must be local, state, territorial or tribal law enforcement agencies with primary law enforcement authority. Applications are due June 12, 2024.

The CHP provides funding to law enforcement agencies to hire and/or rehire additional sworn officers in an effort to increase community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts. Agency requests for officers are capped at 20% of actual sworn force, and the maximum federal share per officer position is \$125,000 over the three-year funding period. Agencies are required to cost share at least 25% and are required to pay a progressively larger share of the cost of the award with local funds over the award period. Staff would plan to request three officers with the following cost breakdown per officer (based on the assumption that the total annual cost per officer is approximately \$105,000):

**2025: Federal share:** \$60,000 per officer (\$180,000 total)/**City share:** \$55,000 per officer (\$165,000 total)

**2026: Federal share:** \$40,000 per officer (\$120,000 total)/**City share:** \$75,000 per officer (\$225,000 total)

**2027: Federal share:** \$20,000 per officer (\$60,000 total)/**City share:** \$95,000 per officer (\$285,000 total)

The City would be responsible for the full cost of each officer after the three-year funding period. The City is required to retain the additional positions for a minimum of 12 months beyond the three-year funding period.

### PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

N/A

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

N/A

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends moving forward with completing and submitting a grant request as outlined.

Recommended Motion (if needed): **Move approval for staff to complete and submit a grant application under the COPS Hiring Program solicitation.**

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED
1. COPS Hiring Program overview document

(If none, state N/A)

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