



## AGENDA ITEM COMMENTARY

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<b>MEETING NAME:</b>	City Council
<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	June 16, 2025
<b>ITEM TITLE:</b>	Consider and take appropriate action on Resolution 2025-024  A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOLFFORTH, TEXAS APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COPS HIRING PROGRAM (CHP) GRANT APPLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE
<b>STAFF INITIATOR:</b>	Patrick Austin, Police Chief

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### BACKGROUND:

The U.S. Department of Justice Fiscal Year 2025 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) is a competitive award program available to local law enforcement agencies designed to provide funding directly to law enforcement agencies to hire additional career law enforcement officers in an effort to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts.

There is \$156.6 million in funding available through FY 2025 CHP. Each award will support up to 75 percent of an officer entry-level salary and fringe benefits for three years within a five-year period of performance to accommodate time needed for recruitment and hiring. Approximately 200 awards are anticipated.

There is a minimum 25 percent local cash match (cost share) requirement. The maximum federal share per officer position is \$125,000 over the three-year period (not \$125,000 per year). Any additional costs are the responsibility of the recipient agency. Each agency is required to retain each CHP funded position for 12 months following the three years of funding for that position.

The CHP has a two-part application process. The deadline for the first part of the application is June 25, 2025. The deadline for the completed application is July 1, 2025. Our department would like to apply for CHP funding to assist in the addition of two officers.

The salary cost for two officers, one patrol officer and one detective, is \$122,980 and the cost of benefits for those two officers is \$59,119. The annual combined salary and benefits for the two officers is \$182,099. While funding may look different during each of the three years, at its conclusion, we expect that CHP will have covered 65 percent of the combined total and the City will have funded 35 percent.

### EXHIBITS:

Resolution 2025-024

### COUNCIL ACTION/STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff requests that the council pass Resolution 2025-024 authorizing the police department to apply for the grant funding and to appoint Assistant City Manager Rick Scott as the Grantee's authorized official.