



City of Apache Junction

Development Services Department



DATE: May 25, 2016

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Bryant Powell, City Manager
Thomas Kelly, Chief of Police

FROM: Heather Patel, Grants Administrator

SUBJECT: FY2016 COPS Hiring Program Application

REQUEST

Staff respectfully requests the mayor and city council discuss Resolution No. 16-21:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION(S) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES ("COPS") HIRING PROGRAM FOR A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER.

BACKGROUND

The U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services ("COPS") has released a notice of funding availability for the Fiscal year 2016 COPS Hiring Program ("CHP"). The CHP's emphasis is on the implementation of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. This nationwide program is designed to advance public safety through community policing by addressing specific problems through the hiring of full time sworn officer positions. Funding is provided to law enforcement agencies to hire new and/or rehire officers who have been or who are scheduled to be laid off and to increase community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts.

DISCUSSION

The city wishes to hire a new full time officer assigned as a school resource officer ("SRO") for the Apache Junction Unified School District ("AJUSD"). The grant will provide 75% of the funding to support the salary and fringe benefits of the position for three years. The city and its partner, AJUSD will be responsible for the remaining 25% cash match. Additionally, the position is required to be retained for a minimum of one year following the end of the grant cycle. The cost for this year will also be required cash match.

	Salary and fringe benefits	Grant funding	Match requirements
Year one	\$ 94,201.44	\$ 70,651.08	\$ 23,550.36
Year two	\$ 96,290.32	\$ 72,217.74	\$ 24,072.58

Year three	\$ 98,431.34	\$ 73,823.51	\$ 24,607.84
Year four	\$ 100,627.77		\$ 100,627.77
	Total funding	\$ 216,692.33	\$ 172,858.54

The grant requires the city's commitment to the program in the form of a resolution which indicates the city's guarantee of cash match and the retention requirements.

At the time of the submittal to Legistar, the city had not received a letter of commitment from AJUSD. Staff will provide a copy of the letter and AJUSD's funding commitment during the council work session. The city would be required to commit to the balance of the required cash match not covered by AJUSD.

The grant application is due June 23, 2016 with anticipated award and implementation by October 2016.

Barring any objection, staff will present Resolution No. 16-21 under the consent agenda on June 21, 2016.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends the mayor and city council review and discuss Resolution No. 16-21.

ACTION REQUIRED

Review and discussion of Resolution No. 16-21

Attachment 1: Resolution No. 16-21