

**TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION
Date: June 09, 2016**

SUBJECT: U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Community Oriented Policing (COPS): 2016 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) Application # CFDA 16.710

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Police Department

PREPARED BY: Laura Valenzuela, Command Staff Assistant/Grant Coordinator on behalf of Chief Bryan Jarrell

AGENDA LOCATION: Comments/Communications , Consent , Work/Study , New Business , Public Hearing , Second Reading

ATTACHMENTS: (a) Solicitation. (b) 2016 COPS Hiring Program Application Guide

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND: In May 2016, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Community Oriented Policing (COPS) solicited applications for the 2016 COPS Hiring Program (CHP). CHP is a competitive grant program that provides funding to address the full-time sworn officer needs of local law enforcement agencies nationwide to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts. This program is authorized under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, 42 U.S.C. 3796dd et seq., as amended and the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, Title 1, Public Law 103-322.

The intent of the program is to identify specific crimes and disorder problems/focus area and to initiate or enhance our community policing approaches. Additional consideration will be given for “Homicide/Gun Violence”, “School Based Policing through School Resource Officers”, “Building Trust”, or “Homeland Security” as their community policing problem or focus area.

Funding for the COPS grant is provided by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) – Office of Community Oriented Policing (COPS). All agencies’ requests will be capped at no more than five percent of their actual sworn force strength as reported on the date of application. Currently we have sixty-seven sworn so therefore we can ask for four additional officers.

The preliminary total cost for implementation of this program is \$280,105.00. The awarded funds would be utilized for four entry level salary and fringe benefits of each newly hired full-time sworn career law enforcement officer. The COPS grant will provide funding in the amount of \$210,079.00; pursuant to federal statute which mandates the COPS grant program may not cover more than 75% of the total costs of the project funded, up to \$125,000 per officer position. In accordance, a 25% non-federal cash match of \$70,026.00 will be required by the Town. Any additional costs for higher than entry level salaries and fringe benefits will be the responsibility of the Town.

All awards will be for a 36-month project period, beginning July 1, 2016. The town will be under obligation to continue funding those positions for an additional twelve months at the end of the three year grant cycle.

OPTIONS ANALYSIS: Council may either accept the grant application and authorize the submittal of CFDA 16.710 with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services **OR** refuse the grant application.

ACTION OPTION: Motion to authorize the Mayor (or, in his absence, the Vice Mayor) to review CFDA 16.710 with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services and to accept the submittal of the grant application **OR** motion not to approve grant application. **VOTE.**

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends authorizing submittal of CFDA 16.710 with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services and accepting the grant application.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: The COPS grant requires a 25% non-federal funding cash match from the Town in the amount of \$70,026.00.

REVIEWED BY:

Management Services Director _____

Town Clerk _____

Town Attorney _____

Town Manager _____

COUNCIL ACTION:

Approved Denied Tabled/Deferred Assigned to _____