

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL



DATE: December 3, 2013

TITLE: Decline the acceptance of the U.S. Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Grant (CHP) for FY2013.

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RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to decline the acceptance of the U.S. Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services Hiring Grant for Fiscal Year 2013.

DISCUSSION

On April 22, 2013, the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) was accepting grant applications for the fiscal year (FY) 2013 COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) Hiring Program (CHP). The FY2013 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) is designed to advance public safety through community policing by addressing the full-time sworn officer needs of state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies nationwide. CHP provides funds directly to law enforcement agencies to hire new and/or rehire career law enforcement officers, and to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts.

On August 6, 2013, City Council authorized the City Manager to submit an application for the FY2013 CHP grant. The City successfully completed the application and filed such with the U.S. Department of Justice.

On September 27, 2013, the department received notification of award in the amount of \$125,000 over the three-year grant period. Unfortunately, the City will not be able to accept the grant at this time due to its current fiscal situation. In addition to the City's local match of \$299,110, the police department would have to increase staffing from 34 to 35 officer positions. The City did apply for a severe fiscal distress waiver but was not awarded.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no cost associated with declining the grant from the U.S. Department of Justice.

EXHIBIT(S)

1. Letter of Decline of COPS Hiring Program Grant