



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: David O. Livingston, Sheriff-Coroner
Date: June 9, 2015

Subject: Apply for and Accept a U.S. Department of Justice 2015 COPS Hiring Grant

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Sheriff-Coroner, or designee, to apply for and accept a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) in an amount not to exceed \$1,875,000 reflecting the potential hiring of five Deputy Sheriff positions for a three year period from the grant award date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Up to \$1,875,000 in Federal revenue. The estimated total cost of adding five Deputy Sheriff positions is \$4,675,380, of which \$2,736,560 is attributable to employer pension costs, for the 36 month grant period plus the additional 12 month retainment period (48 months total). This results in a net county cost/in-kind match of \$2,800,380. U.S. Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Hiring Grant (CFDA #16.710).

BACKGROUND:

The COPS Office was established as a result of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to assist law enforcement agencies in enhancing public safety through the implementation of community policing strategies in jurisdictions

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **06/09/2015** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I
Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II
Supervisor
Mary N. Piepho, District III
Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV
Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: June 9, 2015

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

ABSENT: Federal D. Glover, District V
Supervisor

By: , Deputy

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BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

of all sizes across the country. Community policing focuses on protective collaborative efforts to prevent and respond to crime, social disorder, and fear of crime. The Office of the Sheriff successfully utilized COPS grant money in the late 1990's to hire deputy sheriffs to support our community policing mission. In 2007 and 2008, the Office of the Sheriff was awarded two COPS grants totaling \$2.8m for enhancement of technical databases and public safety communication systems.

The COPS Hiring Program (CHP) is a competitive grant program designed to address the full-time sworn officer needs of law enforcement agencies. CHP provides funding directly to law enforcement agencies to hire new and/or rehire career law enforcement officers in an effort to create and preserve jobs, and to increase their community policing capacity and crime-prevention efforts.

If awarded, CHP grants will provide \$125,000 per position for Contra Costa County entry-level salaries and fringe benefits of full-time officers for 36 months of grant funding. At the conclusion of federal funding, the County must retain all sworn officer positions awarded under the CHP grant for a minimum of 12 months following the 36-month grant period.

The Office of the Sheriff intends to request funding for five deputies under the CHP grant.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Negative action on this request will result in inability to build back staffing of law enforcement personnel, specifically for patrol operations and investigations, as well as inability to restore service levels to the community.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

No impact.

CLERK'S ADDENDUM

Corrected to read: APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Sheriff-Coroner, or designee, to apply for and accept a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) in an amount not to exceed \$1,875,000 reflecting the potential hiring of five ~~six~~ Deputy Sheriff positions for a three year period from the grant award date.