



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** March 23, 2020

SUBJECT: Consider Resolution No. 2020-017, authorizing submission of the grant application and acceptance of allocated funds if awarded for the FY20 Community Oriented Policing Services Hiring Program.

PRESENTER: Jimmy Perdue, Director of Public Safety

SUMMARY:

The Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) has announced the FY20 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) application, which provides funding to law enforcement agencies to assist in the hiring of law enforcement officers in an effort to increase community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts. The Police Department will use the grant funds to increase the level of service to our citizens with the addition of a Crimes Against Children Detective.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The Police Department is seeking authorization to apply for and utilize grant funds offered through the FY20 COPS-CHP application to increase investigative efforts of crimes committed against children, including, but not limited to, sexual abuse, neglect, technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation or the use of the internet for the production, manufacture, and distribution of child pornography. The number of crimes against children cases is continuing to rise due to the increasing number of children and teenagers using the internet, the proliferation of child pornography, and the heightened online activity by predators searching for unsupervised contact with underage victims. There are emerging investigative strategies to combat crimes against children at every level. The addition of a specialized Crimes Against Children Detective is vital to ensuring child safety, working to prevent juvenile crime and prosecuting offenders.

The FY20 COPS-CHP is a three-year award program that will provide up to 75 percent funding of the agency's entry-level police officer salary and fringe benefits. The total grant application will be \$125,000.00 and requires a 25 percent (\$41,667.00) local cash match and a fourth year position retention. Total program costs along with the cash match sharing will be phased in over the four-year period.

	Grant allocation	Cash match required	Additional General Fund	Total
Year 1	\$59,800.22	\$8,333.40	\$24,163.17	\$92,296.79
Year 2	\$47,035.00	\$12,500.10	\$36,244.76	\$95,779.86
Year 3	\$18,164.78	\$20,833.50	\$60,407.94	\$99,406.22
Year 4 (required retention)	0	0	\$101,393.00	\$101,393.00
Totals	\$125,000.00	\$41,667.00	\$222,208.87	\$388,875.87



The grant program will only cover the cost of a starting police officer position. However, due to the type of work being proposed for this position it is anticipated that it will be filled by a senior officer thereby increasing the city's portion. If approved, this position would be available after October 1, 2020 and would be included in the upcoming FY21 budget discussions.

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider Resolution No. 2020-017.