



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST (long form)

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Meeting Date: 5/26/11
Agenda Item #: R.3
Est. Start Time: 9:45 am
Date Submitted: 5/19/11

Agenda Title: **NOTICE OF INTENT for the Sheriff's Office to apply for the Fiscal Year 2011 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) grant**

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title.

Requested Meeting Date: Next Available **Amount of Time Needed:** 10 minutes
Department: Sheriff's Office **Division:** Law Enforcement
Contact(s): Chief Deputy Drew Brosh
Phone: 503-988-4308 **Ext.** **I/O Address:** 313/1
Presenter(s): Chief Deputy Drew Brosh and Captain Monte Reiser

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

The Sheriff's Office is seeking approval to apply for the 2011 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) grant. The Sheriff and the Board will have an opportunity to accept, reassess program targets, or turn down the funding if the grant is received.

This grant would fund one Sheriff's Office deputy as part of the East Metro Gang Enforcement Team (EMGET) and one deputy to serve as a Community Resource Officer. The grant would provide three years of funding; the County would fund the fourth year.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

The COPS Hiring Program (CHP) is a grant that provides funding directly to law enforcement agencies to create and preserve jobs. The grant provides funding for entry-level salaries and benefits of full-time sworn officers for 36 months. The grant includes provisions to revise the entry level salary for step and COLA adjustments for each subsequent year during the term of the contract.

At the conclusion of the federal funding, grantees must retain awarded positions for a minimum of 12 months, budgeted above the number that would have existed in the absence of the grant.

This would affect program offer 60084: MCSO Gang Enforcement Deputy as this program would fund this position.

East Multnomah County, defined as areas east of 162nd Avenue, has experienced a significant increase in crime, much of which can be attributed to an increase in gang-related activity. EMGET investigates gang-related violent crimes, conducts activities to prevent gang-related crimes, provides expertise to field staff and the community on gang issues, and collaborates with other criminal justice partners, social services, and neighborhoods to solve gang-related problems.

This grant would allow the Sheriff's Office to continue participating in EMGET. Funding the Gang Enforcement deputy would increase the effectiveness of EMGET to use the tools and techniques, such as surveillance, plain clothes personnel, traffic stops, etc, to identify gang members, document activity, and apprehend persons conducting criminal acts.

This grant would also fund a new Community Resource Officer. Community Resource Officers assist the community with emergency preparedness, provide safety education, and perform liaison work on behalf of the Sheriff's Office. They work with businesses and neighborhood associations in an effort to understand community needs and to use problem-solving skills to intervene in criminal activity.

This Community Resource Officer deputy would also work closely with schools to address issues of school safety, education, and crime prevention. As a dedicated first responder to community needs, the Community Resource Officer provides social service referrals to such agencies as the Health Department, Human Services, and other County resources.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

The impact in FY11-12 is \$169,391 in grant funding.

The impact in FY12-13 is \$177,351 in grant funding.

The impact in FY13-14 is \$186,980 in grant funding.

The impact in FY14-15 is \$214,306 in County general or other funds.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

Agencies that fail to retain these positions for the 4th year may be ineligible to receive future COPS grants for a period of one to three years.

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

None anticipated.

ATTACHMENT A

Grant Application/Notice of Intent

If the request is a Grant Application or Notice of Intent, please answer all of the following in detail:

- **Who is the granting agency?**

The US Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

- **Specify grant (matching, reporting and other) requirements and goals.**

There is no match required by this grant. The grant funds three years; a fourth year funding commitment is required.

The grant objective is to increase the capacity of law enforcement agencies to implement community policing strategies that strengthen partnerships for safer communities and enhance law enforcement's capacity to prevent, solve, and control crime through funding for additional officer.

The Sheriff's Office must provide quarterly reports describing how CHP funding is being used to assist in the implementation of community policing strategies.

- **Explain grant funding detail – is this a one time only or long term commitment?**

The funding level for the grant is for three years, with grantees making a fourth year commitment to continue funding. In addition, County funds are needed to support the program above the grant funding amounts as the limits on Social Security, Medicare and Retirement that the COPS Office will fund are below actual County costs. This is estimated to average \$15,780 per year for the three years funded with the grant.

- **What are the estimated filing timelines?**

The grant application was due Wednesday, May 25, 2011 by 8:59 p.m. EDT.

- **If a grant, what period does the grant cover?**

From the award date (unknown, specifically), the period covers three years. There is a 4th year commitment on the grantees part.

- **When the grant expires, what are funding plans?**

A commitment to be made by the Board of County Commissioners to reserve funds for three entry level (as of FY2012) enforcement deputies for FY2014-15.

- **How will the county indirect, central finance and human resources and departmental overhead costs be covered?**

These costs are not included in the grant and will need to be absorbed by the County.

ATTACHMENT B

Required Signatures

**Elected Official or
Department/
Agency Director:** /s/ Dan Staton

Date: 5/19/11

Budget Analyst:

Date: