



Meeting Date: 05 /10 / 11

ACTION	TYPE OF ITEM
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved Recommendation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Info/Consent
<input type="checkbox"/> Ord. No(s). _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Report
<input type="checkbox"/> Res. No(s). _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing (Info/consent)
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

Prepared By: Assistant Chief Jason Benites *JB* Agenda Item No. *I-8*

Reviewed By: City Manager *[Signature]* City Attorney *[Signature]* Finance *[Signature]* Other (Specify) _____

DATE: April 28, 2011

TO: City Council

FROM: Jeri Williams, Chief of Police *[Signature]*
Police Department

SUBJECT: Community Oriented Policing Services Hiring Program

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for \$4,376,328 in U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) grant funds from the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Program (CHP) for eleven (11) new entry-level police officer positions.
- 2) That City Council authorize the City Manager or designee to appropriate grant funds upon grant award.

DISCUSSION

On April 18, 2011, the DOJ announced the FY 2011 Cops Hiring Program (CHP). The CHP is a competitive federal grant program that provides funds directly to law enforcement agencies to create and preserve jobs and to increase community policing and crime-prevention efforts. The application process opens up on May 2, 2011 and closes on May 25, 2011.

The CHP will provide one hundred percent (100%) funding for approved entry-level salaries and benefits for three (3) consecutive years, starting at the date of hire of newly created positions. No funding match is required from the City during this time period. The terms of CHP allow federal grant funds to supplement, and not supplant, the City of Oxnard's funds. In order to receive funding, the City of Oxnard must agree to sustain these police officer positions for at least one year following the conclusion of the three-year period.

Oxnard's request would be for eleven (11) police officer positions, since the program's guidelines limit requests to no more than five percent (5%) of the actual sworn officer workforce that existed in 2010.

The CHP's headliner is "Strengthening community policing by creating and preserving sworn officer positions." This is an opportunity for the City to support the City Council's vision statement by placing additional police officers into service by utilizing federal funds for three years.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of this recommendation will have no effect on the General Fund Operating Reserve during the first three years (FY 2011-2012 through FY 2013-2014). This grant does not require any matching contribution. The funding will serve to supplement public safety and will not supplant existing effort. Following the conclusion of the third year (beginning with FY 2014-2015) the City of Oxnard would be required to fund the salaries and benefits of those officers that were hired under CHP. The FY 2011-2012 costs for salary and benefits for these eleven (11) officers are calculated at \$1,415,876. The above listed \$4,376,328 reflects the salary and benefit estimate of the grant's three years. Measure O revenues would be a potential source of funding when the grant funding expires.

JB

Attachment #1 - Resolution Approving Submittal of Application

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD

RESOLUTION NO.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD APPROVING
SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, City Council Resolution No. 12,053 sets out the procedure by which City staff may submit grant applications, following approval by resolution of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has requested that City Council approve the submittal of an application to the U.S. Department of Justice grant funds in the amount of \$4,376,328 from the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Program (CHP) grant funds to be used for eleven (11) new entry-level police officer positions.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oxnard resolves as follows:

1. The City Manager is authorized to execute and submit a grant application for the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Program (CHP).
2. The City Manager or designee is authorized to execute grant agreements.
3. The Chief Financial Officer or designee is authorized to submit financial reports and grant claims and approve special budget appropriations for the use of grant funds.
4. The Chief of Police or designee is authorized to submit non-financial reports.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of May, 2011, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

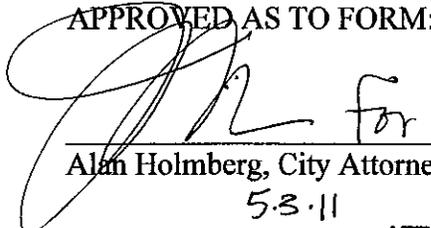
ABSENT:

Dr. Thomas E. Holden, Mayor

ATTEST:

Daniel Martinez, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Alan Holmberg, City Attorney

5.3.11

ATTACHMENT NO. 1
PAGE 1 OF 1

