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DATE: March 18, 2009

TO: City Council

FROM: John Crombach, Chief of Police ⁸⁴ *JB*
Police Department

SUBJECT: Community Oriented Policing Services Hiring Recovery Program

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council authorizes the City Manager to submit an application for \$2,574,320 in U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) grant funds from the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) for twenty (20) new entry-level police officer positions.

DISCUSSION

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 recently appropriated \$1 billion in grant funding for the hiring of full-time sworn officers nationwide. The CHRP 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 CHRP will provide one hundred percent (100%) funding for approved entry-level salaries and benefits for three (3) consecutive years. No funding match is required from the City during this time period. The terms of CHRP 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 at the conclusion of the three-year period.

Up to \$398,647 in federal funding is also currently available through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) formula program to fund costs other than salary and benefits, such as patrol vehicles and other equipment needed to make these positions viable, thus posing no burden to the General Fund Operating Reserve.

The CHRP'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 2009-2010 through FY 2011-2012). 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 2012-2013) the City of Oxnard will be required to fund the salaries and benefits of those officers that were hired under CHRP. The FY 2009-2010 costs for salary and benefits for these twenty (20) officers are calculated at \$2,574,320.

Upon notification of the grant award, the Police Department will request approval for appropriation of grant funds from the City Council.