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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services; FY 2000 Community Policing Discretionary Grants

AGENCY: Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Department of Justice.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services ("COPS") announces a new grant program, COPS in Schools, designed to combat school violence by helping local law enforcement agencies hire additional community policing officers to work in schools. This program provides an incentive for law enforcement agencies to build working relationships with schools and to use community policing efforts to combat school violence. The COPS in Schools program will help reduce the local match requirement for local law enforcement agencies seeking to hire additional new officers to be used in or around schools.

DATES: The application deadline for CIS is June 16, 2000. Applications must be postmarked by this date to be considered for funding. Due to limited funding, applications that are not funded this Fiscal Year will be carried over for consideration in Fiscal year 2001 (subject the availability of Fiscal Year 2001 funding). If your agency already was awarded a FAST, AHEAD or UHP grant, you may request additional officers at any time. Note on your application if you are requesting officers that will be assigned to primary or secondary schools.

ADDRESSES: To obtain a copy of an application or for more information, please call the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center at 1-800-421-6770 or (202) 307-1480, or visit the COPS web site at <http://www.usdoj.gov/cops/>.

Departments that have a pending application under the Universal Hiring Program that are interested in redirecting that request to the COPS in

Schools initiative should contact their grant advisor at 1-800-421-6770.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The U.S. Department of Justice Response Center, (202) 307-1480 or 1-800-421-6770. The CIS application and information on the COPS Office are also available on the Internet via the COPS web site at: <http://www.usdoj.gov/cops/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The U.S. Department of Justice Response Center, (202) 307-1480 or 1-800-421-6770 or your grant advisor.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Overview

The Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-322) authorizes the Department of Justice to make grants to increase deployment of law enforcement officers devoted to community policing on the streets and rural routes in this nation. The COPS in Schools program is specifically designed to combat school violence.

Many communities are discovering that trained, sworn Law enforcement officers assigned to schools make a difference. The presence of these officers provides schools with on-site security and a direct link to local law enforcement agencies.

Community policing officers typically perform a variety of functions within the school including teaching crime prevention and substance-abuse classes, monitoring troubled students, and building respect for law enforcement among students. School Resource Officers combine the functions of law enforcement and education.

The COPS in Schools initiative provides an incentive for law enforcement agencies to build working relationships with schools to use community policing efforts to combat school violence.

The COPS in Schools initiative reduces the local match requirement for law enforcement agencies seeking to hire additional officers in and around schools.

Grants will be awarded to provide for a designated portion of the salary and benefits of each new officer over three years. The maximum grant amount is \$125,000 per officer; any remainder is paid with state or local funds. To qualify for funding, officers must be hired on or after the grant award start date. Funding begins when new officers are hired or on the award date (whichever is later). Funds are distributed over the course of the grant.

COPS grants must not replace funds that eligible agencies otherwise would

have devoted to hire officers in the absence of the COPS funding. In other words, any hiring under the COPS in Schools program must be in addition to, not in lieu of, officers that otherwise would have been hired or currently employed officers. Grant recipients must develop a written plan to retain their COPS-funded officer positions with State of local funding after Federal funding ends. This plan must be submitted with the application.

To be eligible to receive funding under this grant program, applicants must be eligible to receive funding under the current guidelines established for the Universal Hiring Program (UHP). UHP guidelines are available from the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center (1-800-421-6770). Applicants must also provide assurance that the officers employed under this program will be assigned to work in primary or secondary schools and must enter into a partnership agreement with either a specific school official or with an official with general educational oversight authority in that jurisdiction. All applicants must also submit a memorandum of understanding (MOU). The MOU, which must be signed by both the Law Enforcement Executive and the School Official with general educational oversight, is an agreement between the parties involved whose purpose is to define the roles and responsibilities of the individuals and partners involved.

In addition to these general program requirements, agencies seeking funding under this program will be asked to provide supporting documentation in the following areas: problem identification and justification, community policing strategies to be used by the officers, quality and level of commitment to the effort, and the link to community policing.

All COPS in Schools awards will contain an "Additional Grant Condition" that must be signed and returned to the COPS Office. This condition requires the funded officer(s) and a school administrator to attend a COPS in Schools Training. Costs for training, per diem, travel, and lodging for attendance of required participants will be reimbursed by the COPS Office up to a maximum of \$1100.

An award under the COPS in Schools grant program will not affect the eligibility of an agency to receive awards under any other COPS program.

(The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) reference for this program is 16.710.)

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Thomas Frazier,
Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services; FY 2000 Community Policing Discretionary Grants

AGENCY: Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Department of Justice.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services ("COPS") announces the availability of Universal Hiring Program (UHP) grants to pay up to 75 percent of the total salary and benefits for new officers over three years, and up to a maximum of \$75,000 per officer, with the remainder to be paid by state or local funds. To qualify for funding, officers must be hired on or after the grant award start date. Funding will begin once the new officers have been hired or on the date of the award, whichever is later, and will be paid over the course of the grant. All policing agencies, as well as jurisdictions seeking to establish new policing agencies, are eligible to apply for this program.

DATES: Application deadline for UHP is May 31, 2000. Applications must be postmarked by the deadline date. Additional application deadline dates may be announced later and are subject to available funding. If additional funding is available, applications postmarked after the deadline date may be carried over to the next funding period. Unlike previous fiscal years, funding is limited under the Universal Hiring Program. Because funding is limited, we encourage you to apply early. If your agency previously was awarded funding under the Universal Hiring Program, you may request additional officers at any time.

ADDRESSES: To obtain a copy of an application or for more information, call the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center at (202) 307-1480 or 1-800-421-6770.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The U.S. Department of Justice Response Center, (202) 307-1480 or 1-800-421-6770. The UHP application and information on the COPS Office are also available on the Internet via the COPS web site at: <http://www.usdoj.gov/cops>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Overview

The Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-322) authorizes the Department of Justice to make grants to increase deployment of law enforcement officers devoted to community policing on the streets and rural routes in this nation. The Universal Hiring Program (UHP) enables interested agencies to supplement their current sworn forces, or interested jurisdictions to establish a new agency, through Federal grants for up to three years. All policing agencies, as well as jurisdictions seeking to establish new policing agencies, are eligible to apply for this program.

Grants will be made for up to 75 percent of the total salary and benefits for each new officer over three years, and up to a maximum of \$75,000 per officer, with the remainder to be paid by state or local funds. Funding will begin once the new officers have been hired or on the date of the award, whichever is later, and will be paid over the course of the grant. Officers must be hired after the grant award start date to qualify for grant funding.

Waivers of the non-Federal matching requirement may be requested under UHP, but will be granted only upon a showing of extraordinary fiscal hardship.

COPS grant funds must not be used to replace funds that eligible agencies otherwise would have devoted to officer hiring in the absence of the grant. In other words, any hiring under UHP must be in addition to, and not in lieu of, officers that otherwise would have been hired. All grant recipients must develop a written plan to retain their COPS-funded officer positions after Federal funding has ended. This plan must be submitted to the COPS Office with your application.

In hiring additional officers under the UHP, agencies may not reduce the scope of their customary screening and training procedures, and must include community policing principles in their training curricula.

An award under the COPS Universal Hiring Program will not affect the consideration of an agency's eligibility for a grant under other COPS programs.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) reference for this program is 16.710.

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Thomas Frazier,
Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services FY 2000 Community Policing Discretionary Grants

AGENCY: Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Department of Justice.

ACTION: Revised notice of availability: deadline extension.

SUMMARY: The Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services ("COPS") announces the Visiting Fellowship Program (VFP) designed to support training, technical assistance, research, program development and policy analysis to contribute to address crime and related problems in communities across the country.

The VFP is intended to offer researchers, policing professionals, community leaders, and policy analysts an opportunity to undertake independent research, problem development activities, and policy analysis designed to advance community policing in a variety of ways.

Two types of fellowships are available: Community Policing Training and Technical Assistance Fellowships, and Program/Policy Support and Evaluation (PPSE) Fellowships.

Community Policing Training and Technical Assistance Fellowships will offer police practitioners and community leaders the opportunity to participate in a community policing training program that is national in scope. PPSE Fellowships will offer police practitioners, researchers, and policy analysts the opportunity to support innovative community policing programs, to engage in activities to assess the effectiveness of community policing approaches, and to apply policy analysis skills to support the advancement of community policing nationwide.

Visiting fellows will study a topic of mutual interest to the Fellow and the COPS Office for up to 12 months. Residency in Washington, DC, is not required, but visits to the COPS Office are encouraged.

DATES: The application deadline has been extended to May 15, 2000. Applications must be post marked by May 15, 2000 to be eligible for consideration.

ADDRESSES: To obtain a copy of an application or for more information, call the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center at 1-800-421-6770. Application kits are also available on the COPS Office web site at <http://www.usdoj.gov/cops>.