

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 35 FY22 COPS HIRING PROGRAM

SUBJECT

(ALL) Ratify Application for, and Acceptance of, if Awarded, a Community-Oriented Policing Services Grant from the United States Department of Justice, in an Amount Up to \$2,500,000.00 for the Purpose of Hiring 20 Patrol Officers for the Police Department for a Four-Year Period from Fiscal Year 2024-Fiscal Year 2027 and Authorize Execution of Related Agreement

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Ratify application for, and acceptance of, if awarded, the United States Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services Fiscal Year 2022 Community Oriented Policing Services Hiring Program in an amount up to \$2,500,000.00; and
2. Authorize the execution of a grant agreement with the United States Department of Justice.

DISCUSSION:

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Program (CHP) is designed to advance public safety through community policing by addressing the full-time sworn officer needs of state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies nationwide. The CHP provides funds directly to law enforcement agencies to hire new and/or rehire career law enforcement officers and to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts.

The FY2022 CHP grant will provide up to 40 percent of the approved entry-level salaries and fringe benefits of 20 full-time officers for a 36 month grant period with a 60 percent local cash match requirement. The maximum federal share is limited to the amount of \$125,000.00 per officer position during the duration of the grant term. The City of Fort Worth is requesting the amount of \$2,500,000.00 in funding from CHP to hire 20 new officers over a 36 month period for the Police Department. A cash match requirement in the amount of \$3,763,343.40 will be required over the 36 month period. The cash match amount will be requested to transfer from the Crime Control and Prevention District Fund. FY2023 will be a setup year with no expenditures, Fort Worth Police Department will incur expenditures in FY2024-2027. Positions must be maintained for a minimum of 12 months following the grant period.

Description	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	Total
Total Salary/Benefits for 20 Officers Per Year	\$0	\$2,047,794.00	\$2,086,978.23	\$2,128,571.17	\$6,263,343.40
Federal Share	\$0	\$817,373.66	\$833,012.88	\$849,613.46	\$2,500,000.00
CFW Share	\$0	\$1,230,420.34	\$1,253,965.35	\$1,278,957.71	\$3,763,343.40

If the grant is awarded, staff will seek approval from the Crime Control and Prevention District Board for the required grant cash match and a second Mayor and Council Communication will follow to appropriate the required matching funds and the grant award.

This grant does not allow indirect cost expenses.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: United States Department of Justice

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations and execution of the grant agreement, funds will be deposited into the Grants Operating Federal Fund. The Police Department (and Financial Management Services) will be responsible for the collection of funds due to the City. Prior to an expenditure being made, the Police Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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