



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#24-0032

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: February 6, 2024

TITLE: Motion Accepting FY2023 Department of Justice – Office of Community
Oriented Policing Services – COPS Hiring Program Award - \$750,000.
(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve the acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$750,000 from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), FY 2023 COPS Hiring Program and to execute any documents required to accept funds.

Background

The COPS Hiring Program provides funding directly to law enforcement agencies to hire and/or rehire additional career law enforcement officers in an effort to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts. In May 2023, the City submitted a proposal which sought to improve local law enforcement's response to individuals in need of mental health services, especially in cases where an arrest may not be the best course of action. The COPS award will cover up to 75% of the approved entry-level salary and fringe benefits for 6 newly hired full-time sworn police officers over the grant period, with a maximum federal share of \$125,000 per position. The City will meet the grant's required 25% cash match by funding the balance of the cost in the amount of \$599,989.95. The grant period is October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2028.

Resource Impact

The total project cost is \$1,349,989.95. There is an anticipated positive fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$750,000. A required local cash match in the amount of \$599,989.95 will be obtained from the City's General Fund (10-001-0000-000-399-999). This item is contingent upon the approval of the Consolidated Budget Amendment CAM #24-0035.

Source:

Funds available as of January 2, 2024					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-529-331-201-23GCOPSHIRE	FY 2023 COPS DOJ/ Hiring Program	Intergovernmental Revenue / US Dept of Justice Public Safety	\$0	\$0	\$750,000.00
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$750,000.00

Use:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-521-10-1101-23GCOPSHIRE	FY 2023 COPS DOJ/ Hiring Program	Salaries & Wages/ Permanent Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$750,000.00
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$750,000.00

Source: (Cash Match)

ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-001-0000-000-399-999	General Fund	Balance & Reserves/ Appropriated Fund Balance	N/A	N/A	\$599,989.95
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$599,989.95

Source:(Cash Match in Grant Fund)

ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-521-381-001-23GCOPSHIREA	FY 2023 COPS DOJ/ Hiring Program	Other Uses/General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$599,989.95
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$599,989.95

Use:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-521-10-1101-23GCOPSHIREA	FY 2023 COPS DOJ/ Hiring Program	Salaries & Wages/ Permanent Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$599,989.95
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$599,989.95

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2024 Commission* Priority, advancing the Public Safety initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area
- Goal 6: Build a safe and well-prepared community.
- Objective: Prevent and solve crime in all neighborhoods.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are Community.

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area
- The Coastal Management, Community Health and Safety Element
- Goal 4: Coordinate with related partners and agencies (at city, local, county, regional, state, and federal levels) to plan for disaster and emergency management, further the resiliency of coastal areas, and ensure city-wide community health and safety.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – FY 2023 COPS Hiring Program Grant Award and Conditions.

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