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## FEDERAL GRANT OPPORTUNITY

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**SUBJECT:** COPS 2011 Hiring Program

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Following up on yesterday's email, the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) announced yesterday that they are now accepting applications for their FY11 COPS Hiring Program (CHP). This will provide funding for police hiring and other public safety initiatives. Approximately \$200 million will be available for this hiring round. **The deadline for application is May 25, 2011.**

Applications will be judged based on: (1) Community Policing Plans to date; (2) How you would use new Community Policing funding; (3) your fiscal healthy; and (4) number of crimes under the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system. *Please see link for news release: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=46>. The notice was also posted on grants.gov: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=91055>.*

CHP grants provide 100 percent funding for approved **entry-level salaries and benefits for 3 years (36 months) for newly-hired, full-time sworn officer positions (including filling existing unfunded vacancies) or for rehired officers who have been laid off, or are scheduled to be laid off on a specific future date, as a result of local budget cuts.** There is no local match requirement or cap on the amount of funding that can be requested per officer position, but CHP grant funding will be based on your agency's current entry-level salary and benefits packages. Any additional costs for higher than entry-level salaries and fringe benefits will be the responsibility of the grantee agency.

Please note that this is a brand new COPS hiring round and will have no connection to the last two rounds, which were related to the Recovery Act. We met yesterday morning with staff of the COPS Office and they look forward to answering any questions or providing any additional information during the application period. Please let us know if you have any questions we can present to them or if we can help in any way.

Please let us know if you have any additional questions or if we could be of further assistance. We look forward to talking with you soon.