



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

The COPS hiring grant will pay the salary and fringe benefit costs of entry-level police officers for three years. The City would pay the salary differential between the promoted position of detective and entry-level officer. The City would also pay for supplies, the initial issue equipment, and purchase one vehicle for a first year total cost of \$65,000. In the two subsequent years of the grant, the ongoing annual costs would be about \$18,000 for the three positions. The terms of the grant would require the City to maintain its authorized strength for the three grant years plus one additional year.

Title

Authorizing the Madison Police Department to apply for and accept an FY2011 COPS Hiring grant for the purpose of hiring three additional Detectives in order to fully staff the Special Investigation Unit. ~~"By Title Only"~~

Body

WHEREAS, the US Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (the COPS Office) has issued a solicitation for grant applications to hire law enforcement personnel in an effort to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts; and,

WHEREAS, these grants, if awarded, cover 100 percent of the approved entry-level salary and fringe benefits of each newly-hired full-time sworn career law enforcement officer over three years (36 months); and,

WHEREAS, the Madison Police Department plans to submit a request for funding for a total of three (3) additional officer positions under the terms of this grant; and,

WHEREAS, the Madison Police Department also plans to request additional funding from the City to increase these positions to Detective level assignments; and,

WHEREAS, these positions would then be assigned to the newly formed Special Investigation Unit; and,

WHEREAS, this Special Investigation Unit is a problem-oriented detective unit designed to reduce crime through a coordinated and sustainable intelligence-driven model that identifies the most violent repeat offenders and high profile criminals in the community and disrupts their offending through focused deterrence; and,

WHEREAS, the focused deterrence model has proven successful in reducing violent crime and the SIU will utilize two distinct approaches: increase investigative focus on the most prolific violent offenders and offer community resource assistance to the offenders regarding quality of life issues such as education, housing, AODA and mental health referrals, parenting skills, driver's licenses, etc.

WHEREAS, the Police 2011 Operating Budget included funding and support to initiate the Special Investigation Unit to deal with habitual criminals that commit a disproportionate number of crimes in the community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Madison Police Department is authorized to apply for and accept an FY2011 COPS Hiring grant for three additional commissioned law enforcement officers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the grant application will indicate that the intent of adding the three (3) new positions is to increase the number of Detectives assigned to the Special Investigation Unit, in order to

enhance the community policing effort to reduce the criminal activity of chronic offenders.