

City of Copperas Cove Information Item No. 1

October 18, 2011

Information on COPS Grant Application

Contact – Tim Molnes, Police Chief, 547-8222

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SUBJECT: Update on the COPS Hiring Program (CHP) grant application.

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A grant application was submitted by the Police Department for the COPS Hiring Program (CHP) grant on May 24, 2011.

2. BACKGROUND/HISTORY

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), through the U.S. Department of Justice announced the availability of funding under the COPS Hiring Program (CHP). The COPS Hiring Program (CHP) is designed to increase the capacity of law enforcement agencies to implement community policing strategies that strengthen partnerships for safe communities and enhance law enforcement's capacity to prevent, solve, and control crime through funding for additional officers.

3. FINDINGS/CURRENT ACTIVITY

See attached award notification email.

4. FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no direct cost or impact with the attached report.

From: CHP [<mailto:CHP@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2011 1:48 PM
To: Tim Molnes - Police Chief
Subject: 2011 COPS Hiring Program Grant Application

September 28, 2011

Chief of Police Timothy Molnes
Copperas Cove Police Department
302 East Avenue E
Copperas Cove, TX 76522

RE: COPS Hiring Program Grant Application
ORI#: TX05001

Dear Chief of Police Molnes:

I would like to thank you for your grant application under the COPS Hiring Program (CHP). The COPS Office received an overwhelming response to this year's CHP grant application solicitation. The COPS Office received 2,712 CHP applications requesting over 9,000 officers and \$2 billion in funds, while \$240 million was available for the program.

As you may know, the COPS Office CHP award announcement occurred on September 28, 2011. With an abundance of high-quality grant applications and a limited amount of funding available, COPS was faced with many difficult funding decisions. Many applicant requests were reduced due to the high demand relative to the amount of funding available, with the goal of distributing CHP officers to a greater number of jurisdictions. Ultimately, however, COPS was able to fund only 238 (9%) of the 2,712 CHP requests received during the 2011 solicitation. Unfortunately, your CHP proposal was not selected for the September 28, 2011 announcement.

Although your agency was not among those announced, please note that your CHP funding request ***has not*** been denied. Currently, your CHP application remains under a "pending" status within the COPS Office, which means that the proposal is still under consideration. Once the COPS Office receives our Fiscal Year 2012 appropriations, we will know whether additional hiring funds are available and can then determine how best to proceed with all pending requests. There is no action required of

your agency at this time. The COPS Office will contact you if additional information is needed.

Please note that funding selections for this announcement were based upon a variety of factors, including (but not limited to) statutory mandates which govern how CHP and other COPS hiring funds are to be allocated, as well as each applicant's community policing strategy and community need. For more information on the CHP announcement, please visit our dedicated CHP applicant web page at <http://cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2367>. On this site, you will find additional information about the CHP program, and a more detailed description of how applications were evaluated.

We thank you for your continued interest in CHP grant funding. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter or about your pending grant application, please feel free to contact the COPS Office Response Center at 800.421.6770.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of Andrew A. Dorr.

Andrew A. Dorr
Assistant Director for Grants Administration