

TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION
Date: June 11, 2015

SUBJECT: U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Community Oriented Policing (COPS): 2015 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) Application # CFDA 16.710

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Police Department

PREPARED BY: Laura Valenzuela, Command Staff Assistant/Grant Coordinator on behalf of Chief Bryan Jarrell

AGENDA LOCATION: Comments/Communications ☐, Consent ☐, Work/Study ☐,
New Business ☒, Public Hearing ☐, Second Reading ☐

ATTACHMENTS: (a) Solicitation, (b) SF-424, and (c) 2015 COPS Hiring Program Application Guide

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND: In May 2015, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Community Oriented Policing (COPS) solicited applications for the 2015 COPS Hiring Program (CHP). This competitive solicitation is for law enforcement agencies seeking to hire and rehire entry-level law enforcement officers and increase community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts. The intent of the program is to identify specific crimes and disorder problems/focus areas and enhance our community policing approaches. Additional consideration is given for efforts to address homicides, gun violence, and homeland security problems, and to generally build trust. Agency requests are capped at no more than 5 percent of the sworn force strength on the date of application. Since Prescott Valley currently has 64 sworn officers, the grant application can ask for three additional officers.

The preliminary total cost for this program would be \$221,279.00. Any awarded funds would be utilized for the salary and fringe benefits of each new full-time officer. The grant would provide funding in the amount of \$165,959.25 (no more than 75% of total costs). The remaining match of \$55,319.75 (25%) would be required from the Town. Any additional costs for higher than entry level salaries and fringe benefits would be the responsibility of the town. Awards are for a 36-month project period, beginning July 1, 2015. If successful, the Town would be under obligation to continue funding these positions for an additional twelve months at the end of the three year grant cycle.

OPTIONS ANALYSIS: Council may authorize submittal of a grant application (CFDA 16.710) with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services **OR** decline to authorize the grant application.

ACTION OPTION: Motion to authorize submittal of grant application CFDA 16.710 with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services for funding of additional police officer positions for three years, **OR** Motion not to authorize this grant application. **VOTE.**

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends authorizing submittal of grant application CFDA 16.710 with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services for funding of additional police officer positions for three years.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: If the COPS grant is awarded and accepted, it will require a 25% cash match from the Town in the amount of \$55,319.75 over the three year project period.

REVIEWED BY:

Management Services Director _____

Town Clerk _____

Town Attorney _____

Town Manager _____

COUNCIL ACTION:

☐ Approved ☐ Denied ☐ Tabled/Deferred ☐ Assigned to _____