



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 7/25/2023

Item Creation Date:

HPD 3031 - FY23 COPS Hiring Grant Program

Agenda Item#: 24.

Summary:

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ORDINANCE authorizing the electronic application for and acceptance of grant funds through the **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), FY23 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) Grant

Background:

The Chief of Police for the Houston Police Department (HPD) recommends that City Council approve an ordinance authorizing the electronic application for and acceptance of grant funds through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), FY23 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) Grant. The grant period becomes effective October 1, 2023, or on the date of final signature, whichever is later, and ends on September 30, 2028. U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) will provide \$6,250,000.00 in grant funding - with a cash matching component of no less than 25%. The City's cash matching portion is \$2,083,350.00. This grant allows for term extensions based on planning requirements. If approved, this will be the 12th year of funding for HPD.

As background, HPD applied for funding to hire 50 full-time police cadets over the course of three (3) years. Under the COPS Grant, the DOJ will provide \$6.25M of grant funds, which is comprised of \$125K each for 50 officers distributed over a 3-year period. There is a minimum cash matching component of 25%. However, since the grant funds are capped at \$125K over a 3-year period, the City's matching costs will surpass 25% as the City's cadet hiring costs exceed \$125K over a 3-year period. Based on these provisions, this funding will off-set cadet costs at almost 50% for the hiring of 50 new cadets.

The Houston Police Department also requests City Council to authorize the Chief of Police or his designee to act as the City's representative in the application process with the authority to apply for, accept and expend the grant funds as awarded, and apply for, accept and expend all subsequent awards, if any, to extend the budget period, and to authorize the Mayor to execute all related agreements with the approval of the City Attorney in connection with the grant not to exceed five years.

See chart below.

Out Year Funding	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	TOTAL AWARD
US DOJ	\$0	\$1,670,765.00	\$2,211,631.00	\$2,367,604.00	\$6,250,000.00
GENERAL FUND CASH MATCH	\$0	\$1,266,121.00	\$738,429.00	\$78,800.00	\$2,083,350.00
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$0	\$2,936,886.00	\$2,950,060.00	\$2,446,404.00	\$8,333,350.00

Fiscal Note:

Funding for this item will be included in the FY 2025 Budget. Therefore, no Fiscal Note is required as stated in the Financial Policies.

No Fiscal note is required on grant items.

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Troy Finner
Chief of Police

Prior Council Action:

Amount and Source of Funding:

\$6,250,000.00

Federal Government - Grant Fund
Fund 5000

\$2,083,350.00

General Fund Cash Match
Fund 1000

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