



Executive Director's
Report to the
Board of Harbor Commissioners

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

DATE: APRIL 11, 2023

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: PROJECT APPLICATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES – COPS HIRING PROGRAM (CHP) FISCAL YEAR 23

On March 8, 2023, the Department Justice (DOJ), announced the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Program Funding Opportunity. The FY 2023 COPS Hiring Program is aimed at advancing public safety through community policing by funding additional full-time law enforcement positions. COPS funding must be used to reorient the mission and activities of law enforcement agencies toward the community or enhance their involvement in community policing.

CHP awards will cover up to 75 percent of the entry-level salary and fringe benefits for each approved position for a three-year funding period, based on the applicant's current entry level salary level for full-time officers. There is a minimum 25 percent cost share requirement. The maximum federal share per officer position is \$125,000, which will be divided over the three-year grant period. Any additional costs for higher than entry-level salaries and fringe benefits will be the responsibility of the Harbor Department.

The Port Police, on behalf of the Harbor Department (the Port), is applying for ten Port Police Officer I positions. The annual cost for these positions is \$317,690.

POSITION	SALARY	FRINGE BENEFITS	TOTAL	75% FEDERAL SHARE	25% COST SHARE
PP Officer I @ 10 each	\$73,392 x 10 = \$733,920	\$21,916 x 10 = \$219,160	\$953,080	\$635,380	\$317,690

In anticipation of the completion of the West Harbor waterfront development, the Port Police foresees the need for additional patrols and a higher visibility of law enforcement. Funding from this grant will provide a cost-effective means of reducing crime while ensuring a safe entertainment venue for the community.

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Because DOJ will need to conduct an initial eligibility review of the application prior to the final submission deadline, grantees are required to complete the Standard Form 424 submission within Grants.gov no later than May 4, 2023. The anticipated award period is October 1, 2023 through August 31, 2026. If awarded, the Port Police will return to the Board for acceptance of the grant.



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