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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Department of Justice Crime Bill Response Center, (202) 307-1480 or 1-800-421-6770 or your grant advisor.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Overview**

The Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-322) authorizes the Department of Justice to make grants to increase deployment of law enforcement officers devoted to community policing on the streets and rural routes in this nation. The Small Community Grant Program is designed to provide funds for agencies serving small jurisdictions to help pay for a portion of the fourth-year salary and benefits of existing COPS-funded officers. These one-time grants are specifically for the retention of police officer positions in smaller communities with a population under 50,000. Many of these small communities have experienced the positive benefits of community policing by hiring officers under COPS grant programs. Even with only one or two new police officers, COPS grants have helped these departments increase their overall police force by 25 to 50 percent. However, unexpected financial hardships and a limited tax base have caused some of these smaller agencies to be concerned about their ability to retain their COPS-funded officers. As a result, the Small Community Grant Program will provide \$100 million to assist these agencies in retaining the officers and continuing their community policing activities.

The COPS Office is providing these one-time grants specifically for the retention of police officer positions meeting the following criteria: funded by a COPS Phase I, FAST or UHP grant that will expire before October 1, 1998; hired by jurisdictions serving populations under 50,000; hired between October 1, 1994, and September 30, 1995; and supporting public safety and crime prevention projects in jurisdictions serving populations under 50,000.

Applicants must be in good standing with the COPS Office on their current Phase I, FAST, or UHP grant. In other words, the applicant must be up to date with required grant-related paperwork, such as Department Initial Reports, Department Annual Reports, Officer Progress Reports, Financial Status Reports (SF269A) and other applicable special conditions.

Awards under this program will be 20 percent of the original Phase I, FAST, or

UHP grant amount. Funding is intended to assist the agency in paying the salary and benefits of the officer(s) hired under the above-mentioned programs, for a fourth year only. Applicants to the Small Community Grant Program must demonstrate a specific financial hardship that has impacted their ability to retain their COPS-funded officer(s) and establish a formal plan to retain the position(s) after the fourth-year funding has ended.

The deadline for applications is April 30, 1998. Agencies eligible to apply to this grant program will receive an application packet from the COPS Office during the first week of April.

If you believe your agency meets the requirements listed above but has not received an application by April 15, 1998, call the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center at 1-800-421-6770 or your grant advisor for additional information.

An award under the Small Community Grant Program will not affect the eligibility of an agency to receive awards under any other COPS program.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) reference for this program is 16.710.

Dated: April 1, 1998.

**Joseph E. Brann,**  
Director.

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**Notice of Lodging of Consent Decrees Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act**

In accordance with Departmental policy, 28 CFR 50.7, and 42 U.S.C. 9622 (d), notice is hereby given that on March 10, 1998, the trustees for natural resources at the Tulalip Landfill Superfund Site on Ebey Island in Puget Sound, Washington ("the Site") lodged with the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington a civil natural resource damages complaint against defendants Ace Tank Co., Bill Pierre Ford Co., Broadmoor Golf Club, Crowley Marine Services, Inc., Delta Marine, Inc., Evergreen-Washelli, Inc., Mehrer Drywall, Inc., McFarland Wrecking Co., People's National Bank, N.A., Sato Corporation, Seafood Processing, Inc., Seattle Golf Club, and Smith & Son, Inc., in the civil action styled *United States v. Ace Tank Co.*, Civil Action No. C98-0300-R. On the same day, the trustees lodged a consent decree resolving the claims

stated against the defendants in the complaint.

The consent decree requires the defendants to compensate the trustees for natural resource damages resulting from the release of hazardous substances at the Site. The trustees consist of the State of Washington Department of Ecology, the Tulalip Tribes of Washington, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the United States Department of Commerce, and the United States Department of Interior. Under the consent decrees, the defendants will pay a total of \$22,276 for natural resource damages.

The Department of Justice will receive, for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication, comments relating to the proposed consent decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Act Tank Co.*, DOJ Ref. #90-11-3-1412E.

A copy of the proposed consent decree may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005 / (202) 624-0892. In requesting copies please refer to the referenced case, specify the decree you would like to receive, and enclose a check payable to the Consent Decree Library in the amount of \$12.00 (25 cents per page reproduction costs).

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**Notice of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act**

In accordance with Departmental Policy, 28 CFR 50.7, 38 FR 19029, and 42 U.S.C. 9622(i), notice is hereby given that a proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. William Davis, et. al.*, Civ. Action No. 90-0484-T, was lodged in the United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island on April 1, 1998. The proposed Consent Decree resolves the United States' claims against 26 third and fourth party defendants ("Settling Defendants"), under Sections 106 and 107(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), as amended, 42 U.S.C.