

date of the award, whichever is later, and will be paid over the course of the grant. Funding may not be applied to officers hired pre-award without written authorization from the COPS Office. All policing agencies, as well as jurisdictions seeking to establish new policing agencies, are eligible to apply for this program.

DATES: Application deadlines are May 22 and July 10, 1998. If your agency previously was awarded a FAST, AHEAD, or UHP grant, you may request additional officers at any time.

ADDRESSES: To obtain a copy of an application or for more information, call the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center at (202) 307-1480 or 1-800-421-6770.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

The U.S. Department of Justice Response Center, (202) 307-1480 or 1-800-421-6770. The UHP application and information on the COPS Office also are available on the Internet via the COPS web site at: <http://www.usdoj.gov/cops>.

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. UHP enables interested agencies to supplement their current sworn forces, or interested jurisdictions to establish a new agency, through Federal grants for up to three years. All policing agencies, as well as jurisdictions seeking to establish new policing agencies, are eligible to apply for this program.

Grants will be made of up to 75 percent of the total salary and benefits for each new officer over three years, and up to a maximum of \$75,000 per officer, with the remainder to be paid by state or local funds. Funding will begin once the new officers have been hired or on the date of the award, whichever is later, and will be paid over the course of the grant. Funding may not be applied to officers hired pre-award without written authorization from the COPS Office.

Waivers of the non-Federal matching requirement may be requested under UHP, but will be granted only upon a showing of extraordinary fiscal hardship.

COPS grant funds must not be used to replace funds that eligible agencies otherwise would have devoted to future officer hiring. In other words, any hiring under UHP must be in addition to, and

not in lieu of, officers that otherwise would have been hired. All grant recipients must develop a written plan to retain their COPS-funded officer positions after Federal funding has ended. This plan must be submitted to the COPS Office with your application.

In hiring additional officers, agencies may not reduce the scope of their customary screening and training procedures, and must include community policing principles in their training curricula.

An award under the COPS Universal Hiring Program will not affect the consideration of an agency's eligibility for a grant under other COPS programs.

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

Dated: April 20, 1998.

Joseph E. Brann,
Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Clean Water Act

In accordance with Departmental Policy, 28 CFR § 50.7, notice is hereby given that a Consent Decree in *United States v. Dennis Gerbaz, et al.*, Civil No. 89-M-554 (D. Colo.), was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Colorado on April 24, 1998.

The Consent Decree concerns alleged violations of section 301(a) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1311(a), resulting from the defendant's discharge of dredge and fill material into portions of the Roaring Fork River without a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Under the Consent Decree, the settling defendant will contribute funds towards certain work on portions of the Roaring Fork River, in accordance with the Master Plan. The Master Plan establishes a river restoration and stabilization plan for portions of the Roaring Fork River.

The Department of Justice will receive written comments relating to the proposed Consent Decree for a period of 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. Comments should be addressed to David J. Kaplan, Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice, Environmental Defense Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division, P.O. Box 23986, Washington, DC 20026-3986, and should refer to *United States v. Dennis Gerbaz, et al.*, Civil No. 89-M-554 (D. Colo.).

The Consent Judgment may be examined at the Clerk's Office, United

States District Court for the District of Colorado, United States Court House, 1929 Stout Street, Rm C-145, Denver, Colorado 80294.

Letitia J. Grishaw,

Chief, Environmental Defense Section,
Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Immigration and Naturalization Service

[INS No. 1921-98]

Announcement of District Advisory Council on Immigration Matters; Third Meeting

AGENCY: Immigration and Naturalization Service, Justice.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Immigration and Naturalization Service (Service), has established a District Advisory Council on Immigration Matters (DACOIM) to provide the New York District Director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service with recommendations on ways to improve the response and reaction to customers in the local jurisdiction and to develop new partnerships with local officials and community organizations to build and enhance a broader understanding of immigration policies and practices. The purpose of this notice is to announce the forthcoming meeting.

DATES AND TIMES: The third meeting of the DACOIM is scheduled for May 28, 1998 at 1:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at 201 Varick Street, New York, New York 10014, 11th Floor Conference Room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Young, Designated Federal Officer, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 26 Federal Plaza, Room 14-100, New York, New York 10278, telephone: (212) 264-0736.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Meetings will be held tri-annually on the fourth Thursday during the months of September, January, and May through 1999.

Summary of Agenda

The purpose of the meeting will be to conduct general business, review sub-committee reports and facilitate public participation. The DACOIM will be chaired by Charles Troy, Assistant District Director for Management, New York District, Immigration and Naturalization Service.