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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services; FY 2000 Community Policing Discretionary Grants

AGENCY: Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Department of Justice.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services ("COPS") announces the availability of Universal Hiring Program (UHP) grants to pay up to 75 percent of the total salary and benefits for new officers over three years, and up to a maximum of \$75,000 per officer, with the remainder to be paid by state or local funds. To qualify for funding, officers must be hired on or after the grant award start date. 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. All policing agencies, as well as jurisdictions seeking to establish new policing agencies, are eligible to apply for this program.

DATES: Application deadline for UHP is May 31, 2000. Applications must be postmarked by the deadline date. Additional application deadline dates may be announced later and are subject to available funding. If additional funding is available, applications postmarked after the deadline date may be carried over to the next funding period. Unlike previous fiscal years, funding is limited under the Universal Hiring Program. Because funding is limited, we encourage you to apply early. If your agency previously was awarded funding under the Universal Hiring Program, 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 are also 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. The Universal Hiring Program (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 for 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. Officers must be hired after the grant award start date to qualify for grant funding.

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 officer hiring in the absence of the grant. 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 under the UHP, 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.

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Office of Community Oriented Policing Services FY 2000 Community Policing Discretionary Grants

AGENCY: Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Department of Justice.

ACTION: Revised notice of availability: deadline extension.

SUMMARY: The Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services ("COPS") announces the Visiting Fellowship Program (VFP) designed to support training, technical assistance, research, program development and policy analysis to contribute to address crime and related problems in communities across the country.

The VFP is intended to offer researchers, policing professionals, community leaders, and policy analysts an opportunity to undertake independent research, problem development activities, and policy analysis designed to advance community policing in a variety of ways.

Two types of fellowships are available: Community Policing Training and Technical Assistance Fellowships, and Program/Policy Support and Evaluation (PPSE) Fellowships.

Community Policing Training and Technical Assistance Fellowships will offer police practitioners and community leaders the opportunity to participate in a community policing training program that is national in scope. PPSE Fellowships will offer police practitioners, researchers, and policy analysts the opportunity to support innovative community policing programs, to engage in activities to assess the effectiveness of community policing approaches, and to apply policy analysis skills to support the advancement of community policing nationwide.

Visiting fellows will study a topic of mutual interest to the Fellow and the COPS Office for up to 12 months. Residency in Washington, DC, is not required, but visits to the COPS Office are encouraged.

DATES: The application deadline has been extended to May 15, 2000. Applications must be post marked by May 15, 2000 to be eligible for consideration.

ADDRESSES: To obtain a copy of an application or for more information, call the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center at 1-800-421-6770. Application kits are also available on the COPS Office web site at <http://www.usdoj.gov/cops>.