

Memorandum

REPORT TO: City Commission

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SUBJECT: Authorize the City Manager to Submit a COPS Hiring Grant Application to US DOJ for Four Sworn Officer Positions

MEETING DATE: July 15, 2025

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Grant

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the City Manager to Submit a COPS Hiring Grant Application to US DOJ for Four Sworn Officer Positions

STRATEGIC PLAN: 3.1 Public Safety: Support high quality public safety programs, emergency preparedness, facilities, and leadership.

BACKGROUND: The U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services solicits grant applications annually for the COPS Hiring Program. The grant advances public safety through community policing by funding additional full-time career law enforcement positions. With this opportunity, we have requested four sworn officer positions. If awarded, the City of Bozeman will receive \$125k per officer position over a three year period with the understanding that the positions will be retained for 12 months after the end of the grant period of performance. The City of Bozeman is required to match at least 25% of the grant award amount.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: As identified by the City Commission

FISCAL EFFECTS: Total expenditures are expected to be \$1,397,052. The grant will cover \$500k over three years. Expenditures will be made in the general fund in the police department and this may require a future budget amendment.

Attachments:

[Grant Application Routing Package_Updated.pdf](#)

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