

**CITY OF BUCKEYE
Regular Council Meeting
COUNCIL ACTION REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 09/01/26	AGENDA ITEM: 4.X. FIN – “FY 2026 COPS School Violence Prevention Program” Application to the United States Department of Justice – Community Oriented Policing Services Office
DATE PREPARED: 08/27/26	DISTRICT NO.: All
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DEPARTMENT: Financial Services	AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Consent Agenda Items / New Business

ACTION/MOTION: (This language identifies the formal motion to be made by the Council)
Council to take action to ratify and approve the submission of a \$662,461.59 grant application under the “FY 2026 COPS School Violence Prevention Program” to the United States Department of Justice – Community Oriented Policing Services Office, with a grant request in the amount of \$496,846.19, and a required match of \$165,615.40 from the City of Buckeye; and authorize and direct the Mayor, City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to take all steps necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of said grant application.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOCUS AREAS:

A Safe and Sustainable Quality of Life

SUMMARY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Within the past 12 months, the Buckeye Police Department and all Buckeye school districts completed formal, comprehensive site and risk assessments. The school districts' current resources have primarily focused on immediate operational needs. Buckeye Police Department has recommended specific safety improvements to the school districts. These improvements include the proposed acquisition and deployment of one new full-time civilian Coordinator, surveillance equipment, ballistic window film, and ballistic foldable shields. The surveillance equipment can be monitored in real-time by the Coordinator within the City of Buckeye's Real-Time Information Center. If an incident occurs, the Buckeye Police Department and school officials will have access to real-time and recorded footage of the incident. This leads to quicker recognition and response times. The information available will be live and provide responders with accurate information with which to respond. The ballistic window film is a bullet-resistant glass laminate. Many Buckeye schools have glass fronts, exposing the schools to outside threats such as active shooters. This film is bullet- and smash-resistant, enhancing the safety of students and teachers. The window glass ballistic protective film will protect all occupants of the facilities. The ballistic foldable shields will be utilized by School Resource Officers at Buckeye schools, as they can be stored in the school lockers on-site and protect the School Resource Officer and others in the event of an active shooter or other threats. If awarded, the grant covers a 36-month period.

BENEFITS:

Video surveillance systems have directly contributed to a 35% drop in property damage and vandalism at schools within one year of being activated. Surveillance systems provide important evidence when incidents occur and discourage bad behavior. They also act as a silent line of defense, which helps

contribute to a more secure and safe environment for teachers, students, and parents. Surveillance systems provide remote oversight, discourage vandalism and bullying, promote accountability, support investigations, enhance emergency preparedness, and improve incident response. In the United States, more than 80% of public schools utilize surveillance systems to deter crime, discourage vandalism and trespassing, and monitor and address bullying issues.

FUTURE ACTION:

If awarded, the Grant Award agreement will be presented to Council for budget authority, as well as the authority to accept and execute the same. If awarded and after all grant funds have been expended and after the 36-month grant period of performance has expired, the City of Buckeye will have the option to retain and fund the Coordinator position using other city funds, eliminate the position, or seek other grant funding opportunities to support the position.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The "FY 2026 COPS School Violence Prevention Program" funded portion is \$496,846.19 over a 36-month period. There is a \$165,615.40 required match for this grant. The annual amount of the match is included in the budget. If awarded, the Grant Award agreement will be presented to Council for budget authority, as well as the authority to accept and execute the same.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR TOTAL COST:

If awarded in fiscal year 2027, the anticipated cost is approximately \$220,820.53, with \$165,615.40 reimbursable by the grant. The estimated costs for fiscal years 2028 and 2029 will also be \$220,820.53 per year, with \$165,615.40 reimbursable by the grant. The match has been budgeted for fiscal year 2027, with fiscal years 2028 and 2029 matches to be budgeted in the General Fund.

BUDGETED:

Yes

FISCAL YEAR:

2027, 2028, and 2029

FUND/DEPARTMENT:

Police

Items related to a project or facility location must include an attached vicinity map for Council Review.

ATTACHMENTS:

[CAR Recap - COPS School Violence Prevention Program Application.docx](#)
[App Submitted 8.6.26.pdf](#)