

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 119

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE 2020 COPS HIRING PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) has announced the availability of funding for 2020 for the COPS Hiring Program (CHP); and

WHEREAS, CHP grants cover up to 75% of the approved entry level salary and fringe benefits for three years for newly hired, full-time sworn officer positions (including filling existing unfunded vacancies), with a maximum federal contribution of \$125,000 per position over the three-year grant period; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of federal funding, grantees must retain all sworn officer positions awarded under the CHP grant, the retained CHP-funded positions being added to the grantee's budget; and

WHEREAS, due to the nature of the application process, the exact number of new officers that the City would qualify for is not known, however, it is the desire of the governing body of the City of Vineland that an application for participation in the COPS Hiring Recovery Program be submitted on behalf of the City requesting grant funding for the hiring of up to 10 new police officers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Vineland that:

1. The City of Vineland Police Department is hereby authorized and directed to file an application with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) for participation in the 2020 COPS Hiring Program for the hiring of up to 10 new police officers.
2. The Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Vineland are hereby authorized and directed to execute said application and other related documents on behalf of the City of Vineland.

Adopted:

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk