

FORSYTH COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: JUNE 13, 2019

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 7

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT 2019 COMMUNITY POLICING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (CPD) GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES, A DIVISION OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (FORSYTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE)

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS: Recommend Approval

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

The 2019 Community Policing Development (CPD) Program is a competitive grant program designed to advance the practice of community policing by providing guidance on promising practices through the development and testing of innovative strategies, building knowledge about effective practices and outcomes, and supporting new, creative approaches to preventing crime and promoting safe communities. The CPD solicitation is open to all public governmental agencies, for-profit and nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, community groups, and faith-based organizations.

CPD funds are used to develop the capacity of law enforcement and testing of innovative strategies: building knowledge about effective police practices and outcomes; and support new, creative approaches to preventing crime and promoting safe communities. The Sheriff's Office is proposing a \$500,000 grant program.

If awarded \$500,000 in 2019 CPD program funds, the Sheriff's Office will advance community policing in the County, increase awareness of active community policing strategies, improve skills and abilities of law enforcement and community partners, and increase the number of relevant stakeholders using proven community policing practices. There is no requirement for cost sharing or local match for CPD Awards.

If the grant is awarded, the Community Outreach section (formerly the Crime Prevention Unit) will add two (2) civilian/nonsworn personnel to administer the program. CPD funds would be used to develop the capacity of law enforcement and build bridges and relationships between law enforcement and the community. Emerging issues forums and collaborative training for law enforcement and Forsyth County residents will aid the development of new skill building to advance public safety.

No local matching funds are required for CPD Awards. Grants awarded will cover 100% of salary and benefits for two years and have a one-year retention requirement.

ATTACHMENTS: YES NO

SIGNATURE: *J. Dudley Watts, Jr. /AMS*

DATE: June 10, 2019

COUNTY MANAGER

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WHEREAS the 2019 Community Policing Development (CPD) Program is a competitive grant program designed to advance the practice of community policing by providing guidance on promising practices through the development and testing of innovative strategies; building knowledge about effective practices and outcomes; and supporting new, creative approaches to preventing crime and promoting safe communities;

WHEREAS the CPD solicitation is open to all public governmental agencies, for-profit and nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, community groups, and faith-based organizations; and

WHEREAS if awarded \$500,000 in 2019 CPD program funds, the Sheriff's Office will advance community policing in the County, increase awareness of active community policing strategies, improve skills and abilities of law enforcement and community partners, and increase the number of relevant stakeholders using proven community policing practices;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Chairman or County Manager and the Clerk to the Board to execute the necessary documents, on behalf of Forsyth County, to apply for and accept grant funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office Of Community Oriented Policing Services, for the 2019 Community Policing Development Program, of \$500,000, to help the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office develop the capacity of law enforcement to build bridges and relationships between law enforcement and the community through the hiring of two (2) civilian/nonsworn positions for the Community Outreach section, subject to a pre-audit certificate thereon by the County Chief Financial Officer, where applicable, and approval as to form and legality by the County Attorney; and further subject to compliance with the applicable bidding laws.

Adopted this 13th day of June 2019.