



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 7/21/2020

New Business

Department:
Sheriff's Office

Presenter(s):
Sheriff Quentin Miller
Elizabeth Russell, Grant Specialist

Contact(s): Sheriff Quentin Miller
Sheri Powers, BCSO Business Administrator
Jennifer Barnette, Budget Director

Subject: COPS Grant FY2021

Brief Summary:

The Buncombe County Sheriff's Office has received funding for the Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Hiring Grant (COPS Grant).

In FY2021, the COPS Grant will provide approximately \$139,715, and the Sheriff's Office will provide the county contribution from existing FY2021 budgeted funds of \$142,785. No new county dollars will be required in FY2021.

In total, the COPS Grant provides \$375,000 over 36 months and requires a total county match of \$460,000. In addition, the county will be obligated to cover approximately \$274,000 in personnel costs for 12-months following the grant expiration (partial FY24 & partial FY25). The COPS Grant will establish three (3) new sworn LEO positions and purchase one (1) vehicle.

This agenda item will include:

- 1) A summary presentation of the grant
- 2) A request to establish three (3) grant-funded positions
- 3) A request to purchase one (1) vehicle

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

- 1) Accept grant
- 2) Approve related budget amendments (2)
- 3) Approve three (3) grant funded positions, as long as grant funding is available and costs do not exceed the noted county contribution
- 4) Approve purchase of one (1) vehicle

County Manager's Comments & Recommendation:

County Manager recommends as presented