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Subject: COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) Grant Application

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July 28, 2009

Chief of Police W. Ronald Olin
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City of Lawrence, Kansas
6 East 6th
Lawrence, KS 66047

RE: COPS Hiring Recovery Program Grant Application
ORI#: KS02301

Dear Chief of Police Olin and Mayor Dever:

I would like to thank you for your grant application under the COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP). The COPS Office received an overwhelming response to this year's CHRP grant application solicitation. Nearly 7,300 CHRP applications requesting over 39,000 officers and \$8.3 billion in funds were submitted to the COPS Office, while \$1 billion was available for the program.

As you may know, the COPS Office's first CHRP award announcement occurred on July 28, 2009. With an abundance of high-quality grant applications and a limited amount of funding available, COPS was faced with many difficult funding decisions. Many applicant requests were reduced due to the high demand relative to the amount of funding available, with the goal of distributing CHRP officers to a greater number of jurisdictions. Ultimately, however, COPS was able to fund only 1,046 (14%) of the 7,272 CHRP requests received during the 2009 solicitation. Unfortunately, your CHRP proposal was not selected for the July 28th announcement.

Although your agency was not among those announced, please note that your CHRP funding request has not been denied. Currently, your CHRP application remains under a "pending" status within the COPS Office, which means that the proposal is still under consideration. Once the COPS Office receives our Fiscal Year 2010 appropriations, we will know whether additional hiring funds are available and can then determine how best to proceed with all pending requests. There is no action required of your agency at this time. The COPS Office will contact you if additional information is needed.

Please note that funding selections for this announcement were based upon a variety of factors, including (but not limited to) statutory mandates which govern how CHP and other COPS hiring funds are to be allocated, as well as each applicant's fiscal health, UCR-reported crime, and community policing plans. For more information on the CHP announcement, please visit our CHP applicant web page at <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2265>. On this site, you will find additional information about the CHP program, and a more detailed description of how applications were evaluated. A Frequently Asked Questions document can be found at <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2208>, which should be helpful in answering many of your CHP-related questions.

We thank you for your continued interest in CHP grant funding. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter or about your pending grant application, please feel free to contact the COPS Office Response Center at 800.421.6770.

Sincerely,



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