

showing of extraordinary fiscal hardship.

COPS grant funds must not be used to replace funds that eligible agencies otherwise would have devoted to future officer hiring. In other words, any hiring under UHP must be in addition to, and not in lieu of, officers that otherwise would have been hired. All grant recipients must develop a written plan to retain their COPS-funded officer positions after Federal funding has ended. This plan must be submitted to the COPS Office with your application.

In hiring additional officers under the UHP, agencies may not reduce the scope of their customary screening and training procedures, and must include community policing principles in their training curricula.

An award under the COPS Universal Hiring Program will not affect the consideration of any agency's eligibility for a grant under other COPS programs.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) reference for this program is 16.710.

Dated: November 20, 1998.

Joseph E. Brann,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services; FY 1999 Community Policing Discretionary Grants

AGENCY: Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Department of Justice.
ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services ("COPS") announces a new grant program, COPS in Schools, designed to combat school violence by helping local law enforcement agencies hire community policing officers to work in schools. This program provides an incentive for law enforcement agencies to build working relationships with schools and to use community policing efforts to combat school violence. The COPS in Schools program will help reduce the local match requirement for local law enforcement agencies seeking to hire additional new officers to be used in or around schools.

DATES: Use the Universal Hiring Program application to apply for COPS in Schools grants. The application deadlines are December 4, 1998, February 5, April 2, June 4 and July 16, 1999. If your agency already was awarded a FAST, AHEAD or UHP grant, you may request additional officers at

any time. Note on your application if you are requesting officers that will be assigned to primary or secondary schools.

ADDRESSES: To obtain a copy of an application or for more information, please call the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center at 1-800-421-6770 or (202) 307-1480, or visit the COPS web site at <http://www.usdoj.gov/cops/>.

Departments that have a pending application under the Universal Hiring Program that are interested in applying that request to the COPS in Schools initiative should contact their grant advisor at 1-800-421-6770.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The U.S. Department of Justice Response Center, (202) 307-1480 or 1-800-421-6770 or your grant advisor.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Overview

The Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-322) authorizes the Department of Justice to make grants to increase deployment of law enforcement officers devoted to community policing on the streets and rural routes in this nation. The COPS in Schools program is specifically designed to combat school violence.

Many communities are discovering that trained, sworn Law enforcement officers assigned to schools make a difference. The presence of these officers provide schools with on-site security and a direct link to local law enforcement agencies.

Community policing officers typically perform a variety of functions within the school including, teaching crime prevention and substance-abuse classes, monitoring troubled students, and building respect for law enforcement among students. School Resource Officers combine the functions of law enforcement and education.

To help hire community policing officers to work in schools, the COPS Office is offering up to \$60 million to local law enforcement agencies. The COPS in Schools initiative provides an incentive for law enforcement agencies to build working relationships with schools to use community policing efforts to combat school violence.

The COPS in Schools initiative reduces the local match requirement for law enforcement agencies seeking to hire additional officers in and around schools.

Grants will be awarded to provide for a designated portion of the salary and benefits of each new officer over three years. The maximum is \$125,000 per

officer; any remainder is paid with state or local funds. Funding begins when new officers are hired or on the award date (whichever is later). Funds are distributed over the course of the grant.

COPS grants must not replace funds that eligible agencies otherwise would have devoted to hire officers in the future. In other words, any hiring under the COPS in Schools program must be in addition to, not in lieu of, officers that otherwise would have been hired. Grant recipients must develop a written plan to retain their COPS-funded officer positions after Federal funding ends. This plan must be submitted with the application.

To be eligible to receive funding under this grant program, applicants must be eligible to receive funding under the current guidelines established for the Universal Hiring Program (UHP). UHP guidelines are available from the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center. Applicants must also provide assurance that the officers employed under this program will be assigned to work in primary or secondary schools and must enter into a partnership agreement with either a specific school official or with an official with general educational oversight authority in that jurisdiction.

In addition to these general program requirements, agencies seeking funding under this program will be asked to provide supporting documentation in the following areas: problem identification and justification, community policing strategies to be used by the officers, quality and level of commitment to the effort, and the link to community policing.

An award under the COPS in Schools grant program will not affect the eligibility of an agency to receive awards under any other COPS program.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) reference for this program is 16.710.

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Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services; FY 1999 Community Policing Discretionary Grants

AGENCY: Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Department of Justice.
ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing

Services ("COPS") announces the Visiting Fellowship Program (VFP) designed to support training, technical assistance, research, program development and policy analysis to contribute to the use and enhancement of community policing to address crime and related problems in communities across the country.

The VFP is intended to offer researchers, policing professionals, community leaders, and policy analysts an opportunity to undertake independent research, problem development activities, and policy analysis designed to advance community policing in a variety of ways.

Two types of fellowships are available: Community Policing Training and Technical Assistance Fellowships, and Program/Policy Support and Evaluation (PPSE) Fellowships.

Community Policing Training and Technical Assistance Fellowships will offer police practitioners and community leaders the opportunity to participate in a community policing training program that is national in scope. PPSE Fellowships will offer police practitioners, researchers, and policy analysts the opportunity to support innovative community policing programs, to engage in activities to assess the effectiveness of community policing approaches, and to apply policy analysis skills to support the advancement of community policing nationwide.

Visiting fellows will study a topic of mutual interest to the Fellow and the COPS Office for up to 12 months. Residency in Washington, DC, is not required, but visits to the COPS Office are encouraged.

DATES: The application deadline is March 1, 1999. Application kits will be available mid-December.

ADDRESSES: To obtain a copy of an application or for more information, call the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center at (202) 307-1480 or 1-800-421-6770. Application kits will be available mid-December and will also be posted on the COPS Office web site at <http://www.usdoj.gov/cops>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The U.S. Department of Justice Response Center, (202) 307-1480 or 1-800-421-6770, or the COPS web site at: <http://www.usdoj.gov/cops>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Overview

The United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) has been charged with the implementation of the

Public Safety Partnerships and Community Policing Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 3796dd). Under this law, the COPS Office provides grants, cooperative agreements, and technical assistance to increase police presence, improve police and community partnerships designed to address crime and disorder, and enhance public safety. The VFP, which complements the COPS Office's efforts to add 100,000 officers to our nation's streets and support innovative community policing, is one of a wide variety of policing programs supported under this law.

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Community Policing Training and Technical Assistance Fellowships will offer police practitioners and community leaders the opportunity to participate in a community policing training program that is national in scope. Fellows will work to broaden their knowledge of a training area that is directly related to community policing. The experience is intended to encourage the further development, enhancement, or renewed exploration of a particular training expertise that supports community policing. Fellows will deliver this expertise innovatively as well as provide technical assistance to others. Under Community Policing Training and Technical Assistance Fellowships, Fellows may pursue initiatives designed to: (1) improve police-citizen cooperation and communication; (2) enhance police relationships within the criminal justice system, as well as at all levels of local government; (3) increase police and citizens' ability to innovatively solve community problems; (4) facilitate the restructuring of agencies to allow the fullest use of departmental and community resources; (5) promote the effective flow and use of information both within and outside of an agency; and/or (6) improve law enforcement responsiveness to members of the community.

PPSE Fellowships will offer police practitioners, researchers, and policy analysts the opportunity to support innovative community policing programs, to engage in activities to

assess the effectiveness of community policing approaches, and to apply policy analysis skills to support the advancement of community policing nationwide. The experience is intended to encourage the further development, enhancement, or renewed exploration of program, policy, and evaluation issues that support community policing. This work will be shared with policy makers and practitioners through a variety of forums. Under PPSE Fellowships, Fellows may pursue a wide variety of initiatives. Topic areas of particular interest to the PPSE Division include, but are not limited to, the following goals: (1) improve the ability of policing agencies and community organizations to collect different types of information that will aid in collaborative problem solving efforts; (2) enhance current knowledge of how policing agencies evolve while implementing community policing; (3) enhance current knowledge about how various policing agencies utilize information technology to support crime reduction and community policing efforts; and/or (4) enhance current knowledge of or improve the ability of policing agencies to implement community policing and problem solving in other ways.

Visiting Fellows will study a topic of mutual interest to the Fellow and the COPS Office for up to 12 months. Residency in Washington, DC, is not required, but visits to the COPS Office are encouraged.

Grants or cooperative agreements under the VFP may support salary, fringe benefits, travel essential to the project, and miscellaneous supplies or equipment in support of the project. Reasonable costs for research assistants or support staff will also be considered. Reasonable relocation expenses and the cost of temporary housing also may be permitted in cases of relocation from a Fellow's permanent address.

Under the VFP, the COPS Office may award grants or enter into cooperative agreements with individuals, public agencies, colleges or universities, nonprofit organizations, and profit-making organizations willing to waive their fees.

Receiving a grant or cooperative agreement under the VFP will not affect the eligibility of an agency to receive awards under other COPS programs.

The selection process is expected to be highly competitive.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) reference for this program is 16.710.

Dated: November 25, 1998.

Joseph E. Brann,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act

Notice is hereby given that a proposed consent decree in *United States v. ARCO*, Civil Action No. 89-039-BU-PGH (D. Mont.) and *Montana v. ARCO*, Civil Action No. 83-317-HLN-PGH (D. Mont.), was lodged on November 16, 1998 with the United States District Court for the District of Montana. The United States filed its action pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act to recover costs incurred and to be incurred in cleaning up three Superfund Sites in southwestern Montana. The State of Montana filed its action pursuant to CERCLA and State law to recover natural resource damages arising from the injury or destruction of natural resources within the same area. The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation intervened in *Montana v. ARCO*, asserting claims for the recovery of natural resource damages as well.

The Consent Decree provides for the following: (1) ARCO's payment of \$80 million toward the ongoing remediation of one operable unit ("the SST OU"), which represents 100% of the total projected costs of that work, with provisions for the payment of cost overruns by ARCO, the State of Montana, and EPA; (2) ARCO's payment of \$3.9 million towards the United States' \$14.7 million in past costs related to the SST OU; (3) ARCO's payment of \$1.8 million civil penalty for its failure or refusal to comply with the Administrative Order requiring it to perform the remedy at the SST OU; (4) payment of \$2 million to the Superfund to settle ARCO's counterclaims against the United States related to the SST OU; (5) ARCO's commitment to a schedule to settle the rest of the United States' cost recovery claims for the three Sites, together with an "earnest money" deposit of \$15 million towards past cost if settlement is not reached on the remainder of the case; (6) ARCO's payment of \$1.7 million in cash and ARCO's creation of 400 acres of replacement wetlands in settlement of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's

claims for natural resource damages (work valued at approximately \$3.2 million); (7) the creation of an additional 1,200 acres of wetlands by the State of Montana and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation to further compensate the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; (8) commitments by the State and the Tribes to perform restoration work related to the creation of bull trout habitat within the Clark Fork River Basin; and (9) ARCO's payment of \$18.3 million to the Tribes in compensation for their natural resource damages claims. This settlement is contingent upon entry of a State Consent Decree that was lodged on June 19, 1998 and settles the claims of the State of Montana for natural resource damages at certain locations within the Basin. The State Consent Decree provides for the recovery of \$118 million in cash and \$2 million in land. Together, therefore, the two settlements result in recovery of at least \$100.9 million in response costs and \$143.2 million in natural resource damages.

The Department of Justice will receive, for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication, comments relating to the proposed consent decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530, and should refer to *United States v. ARCO*, DOJ Ref. #90-11-2-430.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at the office of the United States Attorney, Western Federal Savings and Loan Building, 2929 3rd Avenue, North, Suite 400, Billings, Montana 59101, the Montana Field Office, Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Building, 301 South Park, Drawer 10096, Helena, MT 59626-0096, and at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20005, (202) 624-0892. A copy of the proposed consent decree may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20005. In requesting a copy please refer to the referenced case and enclose a check in the amount of \$31.00 for the consent decree and \$47.50 for the attachments (25 cents per page reproduction costs) for each decree, payable to the Consent Decree Library.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Clean Water Act

In accordance with Departmental policy, 28 C.F.R. 50.7, notice is hereby given that a consent decree in *United States v. Brickeys Stone, L.L.C.*, Civil Action No. 498-CV-01939 (FRB) (E.D. Mo.), was lodged with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri on November 20, 1998.

The proposed consent decree would resolve the United States' allegations in the above-referenced enforcement action that Defendant violated Sections 301 and 404 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1311 and 1344, by unlawfully placing a 6,800 square foot barge into the Mississippi River and placing approximately 1,500 cubic yards of fill material into and along the banks of that same river.

The proposed consent decree would require Defendant to pay a \$150,000 civil penalty and to either: (1) restore the site; or (2) apply for a permit to allow the fill to remain in place and (a) if such permit is granted, comply with the terms and conditions set forth therein; or (b) if such permit is denied, comply with the restoration requirements of the decree. The decree would also require Defendant to host two public workshops on compliance with the Clean Water Act and Rivers and Harbors Act.

The Department of Justice will accept written comments relating to the proposed consent decree for thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Attention: Wendy L. Blake, Environmental Defense Section, P.O. Box 23986, Washington, D.C. 20226-3986, and should refer to *United States v. Brickeys Stone, L.L.C.*, DJ Reference No. 90-5-1-1-05173.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at either the Clerk's Office of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, 1114 Market Street, Room 260, St. Louis, Missouri, or the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005. Requests for a copy of the consent decree may be mailed to the Consent Decree Library at