



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA STATEMENT**

Item No. 6g
For Meeting of 06.02.2016

ITEM TITLE: Approval of a Police Department application for COPS Hiring Grant through the US Department of Justice to be used to hire an additional Police Officer

CONTACT PERSON(S): Greg Staples, Chief of Police

SUMMARY EXPLANATION

The police department would like to submit an application for grant funding to the COPS office of the US Department of Justice for the purpose of gaining financial assistance in regard to hiring an additional police officer. Based on our size, Norwalk is eligible to apply for one new officer. The maximum award amount per officer is \$125,000 to be used over a three year period. If the application is successful the new officer would be the 16th sworn employee / position of the department. This would still leave the department two positions short of the recommended sworn allocation of 18.

A minimum of \$31,250 in matching funds are required. Additional matching funds will be needed due to the salaries negotiated in the police contract. In addition to the matching funds, the City must agree to employ any officer hired as a result of the grant for 12 months after the conclusion of the initial three year grant period.

The purpose of this item is for Council to provide approval for the application to be written and submitted. If an application is submitted and is successful, the Council will have the option to accept or decline the funding at that time.

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Funding Source: _____
APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL

City Manager

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approve the request by roll call vote