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LEAGUE ALERT

Municipal Clerk: Please forward to Mayor and Governing Body.

March 17, 2009

Re: COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP)

Dear Mayor:

The U. S. Department of Justice (US-DOJ) is now accepting applications for CHRP funding, made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

CHRP will provide funding directly to law enforcement agencies to hire and/or rehire career law enforcement officers in an effort to create and preserve jobs, and to increase their community policing capacity and crime-prevention efforts.

CHRP grants cover 100 percent of the approved entry-level salary and fringe benefits of each newly-hired and/or rehired, full-time sworn career law enforcement officer over three years (36 months). There is no local match or cap on the amount of funding that can be requested, but CHRP grant funding will be based on your agency's current entry-level salary and fringe benefits for full-time sworn officers. Any additional costs for higher than entry-level salaries and fringe benefits will be the responsibility of the grantee agency. Full detail on the requirements and the application procedures are available at the US-DOJ website at <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2124#overview2>

Please note, all grant recipients must retain any CHRP-funded officer positions awarded for at least 12 months after the 36 months of federal funding has ended for each position. Applicants are required to affirm in their CHRP grant application that their agency plans to retain any additional officer positions awarded following the expiration of the grant, and identify their planned source(s) of retention funding.

Also note that if your agency receives a CHRP grant, your agency must comply with all of the data tracking, collection and reporting requirements under the Recovery Act and CHRP on a timely basis.

The requirement for continued local funding, beyond the 36 month grant period, raises obvious Cap issues. We have contacted the Governor's Administration, asking for consideration of cap relief, so that New Jersey municipalities can confidently apply for the grants, in order to enhance public safety and the lives of the many officers who could be employed with this stimulus funding.

The application period opened yesterday and will run through April 14, 2009. For more information, contact Jon Moran at 609-695-3481, ext. 121.

Very truly yours,

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