



# City of Etna

AGENDA for the SPECIAL MEETING of the ETNA CITY COUNCIL  
Tuesday, December 28, 2021 3:00 PM

## TELECONFERENCE

### CALL TO ORDER

### FLAG SALUTE

### ROLL CALL

### ORAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

### CONSENT CALENDAR

- None

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- None

### BUDGET ITEMS

- None

### PUBLIC HEARING

- None

### CURRENT BUSINESS

Josh Short/Kelly York

- Discuss/Approve accepting DOJ COPS Grant

### CORRESPONDENCE

- None

### CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

- None

### ADJOURNMENT

#### **Teleconference Information:**

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# City of Etna

## Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: 12.28.21

Spokesperson(s): Josh Short/Kelly York

Is this for Discussion  or are you requesting an Action

Subject/Request: Special COPS Grant

Please provide a description of the request and attach supporting documentation:

Accept \$263,709 DOJ COPS Grant

Will there be a financial impact to the City?  Yes  No If Yes, \$ 263,709

Please describe:

Allocation to be determined

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# POLICE DEPARTMENT



Joshua E. Short, *Chief of Police*

Distinguished board members,

At the direction and request of Etna City Council during the November 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting regarding the acceptance of the National Cops(CHP) grant monies, the following outlines and provides financial responsibilities to ensure the added position can be sustained for not only a 4<sup>th</sup> year but for an indefinite amount of time.

1. **Dissolution of SUMMIT-** Two years ago it was decided by Siskiyou County Law Enforcement leaders to dissolve the county's Northern Drug task Force(SUMMIT). During this meeting a decision was made to evenly distribute asset forfeiture money to all participating agencies. Since Etna Police Department had been a contributor to the team the City of Etna would receive their portion. I verified with Yreka Police department the holder of the SUMMIT monies if and when this funding would be available. I received confirmation as of last week the money was still allocated to Etna City and would be released shortly upon a resolution being provided by Yreka Police Department. These monies totaled approximately **\$60,000**
2. **NSMIT Augmentation-** Throughout the past six months our affiliation with NSMIT(North State Major Investigations Team) has begun to be restructured by adding additional personnel and team locations. Detective Mendes has been a team member for many years and receives overtime monies from the initiative offsetting his salary for the City of Etna to essentially pay part time for the position. While it hasn't been set in stone by the NSMIT board as of this date it is our goal to restructure the initiative and place Detective Mendes into a different role. This would enable the board to adjust and provide more funding to this position. Total offset would save the City of Etna approximately **\$10,000 to \$15,000** a year.
3. **Restructure of Dispatch Services-** Over the past year I have been looking into the restructuring of our dispatch services. While there are several aspects of this change still being developed it appears this restructuring would save the City of Etna approximately **\$5,000 to \$10,000** annually.
4. **COPS crime prevention(PAL)-** The city currently provides \$10,000 for crime prevention from the states COPS grant. The PAL program has grown and been able to become more self-sufficient through grants and saving practices. If necessary PAL could absorb the loss of this money saving the city another **\$5,000** annually. I would still like to see the other \$5,000 go to the pool to help sustain its existence.
5. **Town of Ft. Jones-** After informing the town of Ft. Jones of the grant award we have received along with the requirements of such grant, the town offered to contribute monies equal to half of the positions cost to meet the requirements of the 4<sup>th</sup> year retention. Their portion would be equal to approximately **\$32,000** if needed.

While the first page of this letter describes how we can be fiscally responsible and retaining the position for the grants 4<sup>th</sup> year requirement the following will reflect how we can develop partnerships with other organizations and governments to retain this additional position indefinitely.

Additionally I think it is important to mention again how by providing additional personnel it benefits not only our community but also the police department and employees. Several years ago the Counties Grand Jury conducted a report on Etna Police Department just as they do with all police departments in the county on a regular basis. In the findings it found to help effectively provide law enforcement services to the towns of Etna and Ft. Jones it recommended a department of 5.1 officers. We currently have 4 full time officers including me in which I also have chief administrative duties as well taking up much of my time. Some of the benefits in providing another position would be officer safety. Often we are handling calls for service alone creating a dangerous situation for all parties involved. While I have confidence in our officers I believe it is also important and we owe it to them in providing them with the safest work environment as possible. The liability in which is created when handling certain calls alone skyrockets for the city and its constituents as this continues. We also need to keep in mind the burn out factor of our employees and what that means for the city. It is important we are able to provide them with adequate time off and the ability to decompress. Law Enforcement is a very stressful and at times dangerous profession. Even in Scott Valley we are not immune from the violence we see occurring around the nation. It is only with hard work from our officers being proactive and present we have not seen this occur in our valley.

**Partnerships- Scott Valley unified School District-** In the interest of maintaining this additional position indefinitely if the council choses to except it, I have reached out to our school district for ideas and proposals to provide funding. Meetings have been very positive and the interest in our school district as well as our community is very high. While the school board would have to make the decision to except this partnership however that looks, if accepted would be able to provide funding towards and officer position. Many schools have programs like this and have had positive findings in our youth and the partnership which is created with local law enforcement. There are many examples out there including local schools and police departments reaching a partnership. The funding ranges from part-time to full time allocations.

**Quartz Valley Indian Reservation-** Also over the past couple years we have been in talks with QVIR and their interest in providing a contractual police officer position. This interest has become clearer in the recent months as it would provide additional services not only to QVIR but would provide funding for that additional position.

Due to our unique setting it is with pride we establish and maintain a strong relationship with each other and outlying communities. It is with this strong partnership and commitment to each other we are able to care and watch out for one another in order to provide the safest and most unique historic communities in the country.

While these above partnerships are not yet set in stone, I think it is imperative we look to our future and establish programs that can provide for our communities. Over the next three years it is my plan to develop these programs so we can sustain them for many years to come.

By implementing the changes in our budget and acquiring additional moneys from above, not including any potential future partnerships or Ft. Jones contribution we would accumulate approximately **\$80,000** at the minimum to maintain the position for the 4<sup>th</sup> year of service required by the grant. According to the city's calculations the 4<sup>th</sup> year would cost approximately \$65,000 leaving discretionary funding.

**Kris Hargrove**

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**From:** jshort <jshort@sisqtel.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 19, 2021 9:24 AM  
**To:** Kris Hargrove  
**Subject:** FW: Justice Department Announces \$139 Million for Law Enforcement Hiring to Advance Community Policing

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**From:** "Horwood, Lauren (USACAE)" <Lauren.Horwood@usdoj.gov>  
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**Subject:** Justice Department Announces \$139 Million for Law Enforcement Hiring to Advance Community Policing



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United States Attorney's Office  
Eastern District of California

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
Thursday, November 18, 2021  
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**Justice Department Announces \$139 Million for Law Enforcement Hiring to Advance Community Policing**

*\$2,138,709 Awarded to Law Enforcement Agencies in the Eastern District of California*

Sacramento, Calif. – The Department of Justice today announced more than \$139 million in grant funding through the department's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) COPS Hiring Program. The awards provide direct funding to 183 law enforcement agencies across the nation, allowing those agencies to hire 1,066 additional fulltime law

enforcement professionals. In the Eastern District of California, two cities were awarded funding totaling \$2,138,709.

“We are committed to providing police departments with the resources needed to help ensure community safety and build community trust,” said Attorney General Merrick B. Garland. “The grants we are announcing today will enable law enforcement agencies across the country to hire more than 1,000 additional officers to support vitally important community oriented policing programs.”

The following cities in the Eastern District of California received awards: The City of Etna in Siskiyou County received \$263,709 to fund one position and the City of Sacramento received \$1,875,000 to fund 15 positions.

The COPS Hiring Program is a competitive award program intended to reduce crime and advance public safety through community policing. The COPS Hiring Program provides funds directly to law enforcement agencies to hire new or rehire additional career law enforcement officers, thereby increasing their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts. Of the 183 agencies awarded grants today, approximately half will use the funding to focus on building legitimacy and trust between law enforcement and communities; 41 agencies will seek to address high rates of gun violence; 21 will focus on other areas of violence; and 19 will focus COPS Hiring Program resources on combating hate and domestic extremism or supporting police-based responses to persons in crisis. The complete list of awards can be found [here](#).

Since its creation in 1994, COPS has invested more than \$14 billion to advance community policing, including grants awarded to more than 13,000 state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies to fund the hiring and redeployment of more than 135,000 officers. The COPS Hiring Program, COPS’ flagship program, continues to be in demand today: In fiscal year 2021, COPS received 590 applications requesting nearly 3,000 law enforcement positions. For fiscal year 2022, President Biden has requested \$537 million for COPS Hiring Program, an increase of \$300 million.

To learn more about the COPS Hiring Program, please visit <https://cops.usdoj.gov/chp-award>. For additional information about the COPS Office, please visit <https://cops.usdoj.gov/>.

The COPS Office is the federal component of the Department of Justice responsible for advancing community policing nationwide. The only Department of Justice agency with policing in its name, the COPS Office was established in 1994 and has been the cornerstone of the nation’s crime fighting strategy with grants, a variety of knowledge resource products, and training and technical assistance. Through the years, the COPS Office has become the go-to organization for law enforcement agencies across the country and continues to listen to the field and provide the resources that are needed to reduce crime and build trust between law enforcement and the communities served.

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**Kris Hargrove**

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**From:** Joshua Short  
**Sent:** Friday, November 19, 2021 9:27 AM  
**To:** Kris Hargrove  
**Subject:** Fwd: FY2021 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) Award Announcement

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**To:** Joshua Short  
**Subject:** FY2021 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) Award Announcement



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES  

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145 N Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002

November 18, 2021

Re: COPS Office FY2021 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) award number 15JCOPS-21-GG-03450-UHPX

Dear Chief of Police Joshua Short:

On behalf of the Attorney General of the United States, Merrick B. Garland, and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office), it is my pleasure to inform you that we have approved your proposal for the FY2021 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) in the amount of \$263,709. The COPS Office recognizes and appreciates your commitment to this very important initiative.

At the COPS Office, our mission is advancing community policing nationwide. We prioritize this by supporting state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies as they carry out their vital public safety missions. The project you will implement with these award funds contributes to the mission of the COPS Office and the greater goal of reducing crime and building trust between law enforcement and communities served. The team at the COPS Office looks forward to supporting you as you implement this important work.

In the coming days, the COPS Office will release your award package via [the Justice Grant System \(JustGrants\) website](#). At that time, you will receive an automated email with additional information on how to access, review, and accept your award. For programmatic assistance with your award, please do not hesitate to contact your assigned Grant Manager, Tammy Richardson at [TAMMY.RICHARDSON2@USDOJ.GOV](mailto:TAMMY.RICHARDSON2@USDOJ.GOV) or [AskCOPSRC@usdoj.gov](mailto:AskCOPSRC@usdoj.gov).

I want to extend my personal appreciation for your efforts and congratulate you on this award. On behalf of the staff at the COPS Office, we look forward to your progress on this important project.

Sincerely,



Robert E. Chapman

Acting Director

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