

St. Petersburg City Council
Consent Agenda
Meeting of September 3, 2009

TO: The Honorable Jeff Danner, Chair, and Members of City Council

SUBJECT: A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to accept a U.S. Department of Justice COPS Hiring Recovery Program ("CHRP") grant in the amount of \$2,053,740 to fund three years of base salary and benefits for ten sworn law enforcement officers, and to execute all documents necessary to effectuate this transaction; and providing an effective date.

EXPLANATION: The City of St. Petersburg has been awarded a U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Hiring Recovery Program grant for the period of October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2012, in the amount of \$2,053,740. The grant funds will be utilized to create the Community and Police Engagement (CAPE) unit, and will cover the base salary and benefits for ten law enforcement officer positions for the next three years. The grant requires no local matching funds.

The CHRP grant funding is based on the City's current entry-level salaries and benefits for sworn law enforcement officer position and any additional costs for higher salaries and benefits for positions hired under the CHRP grant must be paid for by the City. At the conclusion of the grant, the City is required to retain and fund all sworn law enforcement officer positions awarded under the CHRP grant with local funds for a period of at least 12 months.

RECOMMENDATION: The administration recommends that City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to accept a U.S. Department of Justice COPS Hiring Recovery Program ("CHRP") grant in the amount of \$2,053,740 to fund three years of base salary and benefits for ten sworn law enforcement officers, and to execute all documents necessary to effectuate this transaction; and providing an effective date

COST/FUNDING INFORMATION: The grant will fund ten sworn law enforcement officer positions effective October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2012. Revenues in the amount of \$2,053,740 will be received from this grant. The first installment of \$711,378 will be appropriated in the FY10 recommended budget in the General Fund (0001), to Police Department (140-1389). Subsequent installments of \$711,378 and \$630,984 will be appropriated in the FY11 and FY12 recommended budgets.

Approvals:

Administration: _____

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Budget: _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COPS HIRING RECOVERY PROGRAM (“CHRP”) GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,053,740 TO FUND THREE YEARS OF BASE SALARY AND BENEFITS FOR TEN SWORN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, AND TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THIS TRANSACTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of St Petersburg (“City”) has been awarded a U.S. Department of Justice (“USDOJ”) Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (“COPS”) COPS Hiring Recovery Program (“CHRP”) grant for the period of October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2012, in the amount of \$2,053,740; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds will be utilized to create the Community and Police Engagement (CAPE) unit, and will cover the base salary and benefits for ten law enforcement officer positions for the next three years; and

WHEREAS, the grant funding is based on the City’s current entry-level salaries and benefits for sworn law enforcement officer positions and any additional costs for higher salaries and benefits for positions hired under the CHRP grant must be paid for by the City; and

WHEREAS, the CHRP requires no local matching funds; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the CHRP grant, the City must retain and fund all sworn law enforcement officer positions awarded under the CHRP grant with local funds for a period of at least 12 months; and

WHEREAS, revenues in the amount of \$2,053,740 will be received from this grant and the first installment of \$711,378 will be appropriated in the FY10 recommended budget in the General Fund (0001), to Police Department, Fiscal Support (140-1389) with subsequent installments of \$711,378 and \$630,984 to be appropriated in the FY11 and FY12 recommended budgets.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, that the Mayor or his designee is authorized to accept a U.S Department

