

**CITY OF LA VISTA
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT
OCTOBER 19, 2010 AGENDA**

Subject:	Type:	Submitted By:
ACCEPTANCE OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COPS GRANT	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	ROBERT S. LAUSTEN POLICE CHIEF

SYNOPSIS

A resolution has been prepared to authorize the acceptance of a U.S. Department of Justice COPS grant awarding the City of La Vista \$231,739 to fund a police officer position over the next three years.

FISCAL IMPACT

Because the City's grant funding request was originally denied, the FY 11 budget does not include funding for the position. In the event that the department's budgeted expenditures do not cover the additional expense of the officer's salary and benefits, a budget amendment may be necessary.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval.

BACKGROUND

In March of 2009, the police department submitted a grant request to the U.S. Department of Justice-Office of Community Policing Services for two COPS Hiring Program (CHP) police officer positions. These positions were requested due to pending and anticipated annexations on La Vista's west side. Our request was initially denied and as a result the FY 11 budget does not include grant funding for a new position. On September 30, 2010 we were made aware that one police officer position was approved. Similar to previous COPS grants the City has been awarded, the City is obligated to retain any sworn officer positions awarded under the CHP grant for a minimum of 12 months following the 36-month federal funding period.

If approved by Council, a recruit would be hired from the current eligibility list in December and attend the Police Academy beginning in January 2011. Upon completion in April, the recruit would enter the 14 week Field Training program and if successful, be on the street by August 2011.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VISTA, NEBRASKA ACCEPTING A GRANT AWARD FROM THE US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COPS GRANT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the City has received notification that it has been awarded a COPS Hiring Program (CHP) grant in the amount of \$231,739 to fund a police officer position for three years; and

WHEREAS, the grant was requested to help fund police officer positions that will need to be created in order to meet the demands of annexation; and

WHEREAS, the City is obligated to retain all sworn officer positions awarded under the CHP grant for a minimum of 12 months following the 36-month federal funding period; and

WHEREAS, it is proposed that the City accept the grant

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of La Vista, Nebraska, hereby authorize the Mayor and Police Chief to execute the necessary documents for acceptance of the COPS Grant.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 19TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2010.

CITY OF LA VISTA

Douglas Kindig, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela A. Buethe, CMC
City Clerk