



RAPID CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Steve Allender, Chief of Police

TO: Mayor Sam Kooiker and City Council Members

FROM: Karl Jegeris, Asst. Chief

DATE: May 6, 2014

SUBJECT: Request for Authorization to Apply for Grant Funding

Our department is currently eligible to apply for three grant opportunities that would enhance our ability to provide service to the Rapid City Community. As you know with the current budget process, our preliminary budget proposal is extremely conservative. These grants could allow us to enhance our services with minimal impact on our current budget. I have provided a brief summary of each grant below, and request Council Approval to apply for these funding opportunities.

- 2015 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Grant – United State’s Department of Justice
 - We are requesting funding for 4 additional officers for 2015. Our intended purpose for these officers is to increase our capacity to engage in proactive policing strategies, including enhancing our Street Crimes Unit, and our Sector Policing Concepts. The grant covers 75% of Wages and Benefits for 3 years, with a city cost of 25%. This would equal approximately \$54,377 in additional expense for our 2015 budget year (overall impact of approximately +0.4% of PD budget). Our department would be required to retain the four additional officers for a fourth year, and after that we would have no further obligations.
 - Grant Manager – Lt. Elias Diaz
- 2014 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) – Bureau of Justice Assistance
 - This grant allows us to apply for funding assistance for technology improvements. We are eligible to apply with the cooperation of the Pennington County Sheriff’s Office. We are eligible to apply for up to \$56,946 in funding this year (100% funding – No cost share required). We have had a joint meeting with the Sheriff’s Office and intend to seek this funding to provide additional communications equipment for our Special Response Team, Tasers for both agencies, and equipment for our evidence lab (alternative light source for forensic lab, camera and video camera equipment for crime scene response and lab work).
 - Grant Manager – Lt. Elias Diaz
- 2015 Highway Safety Grant – South Dakota Dept. of Public Safety – Office of Highway Safety
 - This grant allows us to apply for funding for equipment upgrades, and Overtime funding for additional DUI, Speed, and Seatbelt enforcement. This will allow for increased efficiencies and capacity for our traffic enforcement efforts. We are seeking to request \$67,375 in funding, which requires a local match of \$17,889. The city portion would come from the PD budget.
 - Grant Manager – Lt. Don Hedrick