



# RAPID CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Karl Jegeris, Chief of Police

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Memo To: Rapid City Mayor and Council

From: Karl Jegeris, Chief of Police

Subject: 2015 COPS Hiring Grant

The purpose of this memo is to request permission for the Police Department to apply for, and accept if awarded, the 2015 COPS Hiring Grant. This is a funding opportunity the department has utilized in the past to increase staffing at a significant cost savings. Currently, the department has eight officers employed under COPS Hiring Grants with four of the positions to expire in August 2015.

The 2015 COPS Hiring Grant allows 75% federal reimbursement of the officers' wages for a three year period. The application deadline is June 19, 2015 and award announcements are made in or around October 2015. Funds would be available beginning with our 2016 budget year.

The department will be requesting a total of six officers for the following purpose:

The creation and deployment of a team of officers with the goals of enhancing school safety, community policing/problem solving, and rapport and trust building. This team of officers will be deployed geographically to conduct enforcement in school zones, make classrooms presentations, and engage in after school activities. They will also work in partnership with the schools to increase safety and build rapport and trust among students. These officers will work under the direction of a first line supervisor, with influence of the sector lieutenant, to address quality of life issues/projects, perform crime prevention functions, and assist beat officers with calls for service. The purpose of the latter is to gain an understanding of neighborhood complexities and establish relationships with neighborhood stakeholders.

I am available for comments or to address concerns at your convenience.