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REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Steven R. Smagula, Deputy Chief - Administration

DATE: June 18, 2025

SUBJECT: FY2025 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Grant Application Request

<u>Recommendation - Through the City Manager</u>, authorize the Police Department to apply for funding through the FY2025 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Grant.

<u>Background</u> – Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grants are one of the most fundamental grant allocations of federal funds for discretionary programs which help support local communities. Funding through the Community Oriented Policing Services grant program provides an opportunity to make fundamental upgrades to policy and procedures, purchase new equipment, and provide fiscal support toward State of New Hampshire Law Enforcement Accreditation. This grant award helps fund projects which would not be covered by other financial means.

<u>Discussion</u> – This grant funding will allow for the Concord Police Department to further develop the Department's accreditation process. Funding will be used to support additional staffing (0.6 FTE) and hardware/ software expenses which are not included in our current operating budget. There is no match required for this grant program and all grant spending would be consistent with the financial policies of the City of Concord.