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REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Steven R. Smagula, Deputy Chief - Administration

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

Recommendation - Through the City Manager, authorize the Police Department to apply for funding through the US Department of Justice, FY2025 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Grant Community Policing Development Microgrant program.

Background – 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 technological upgrades by purchasing new evidence detection equipment used in narcotic and fatal overdose investigations. This grant award helps fund projects which would not be covered by other financial means.

Discussion – This grant funding will allow the Concord Police Department to enhance technology specific to unknown chemical substances encountered in the field. Funding from this grant will be used to purchase a handheld chemical detection device designed to improve officer safety, support investigative operations, and promote public safety through the safe and accurate identification of hazardous substances in the field. 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.

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