

FY16 Promise Zone Benefits from Partnering Agencies

Agency: Department of Justice (DOJ)
Office of Community Oriented Policing Services

Programs with PZ Benefits:
COPS Hiring Program (CHP)

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Website: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/default.asp?Item=2367>

Benefit Type: Grant Competition

Eligible Communities: Urban, Rural, Tribal

Eligible applicants: State, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies with primary law enforcement authority.

Funding Availability: Under FY 2016 funding, CHP awardees may receive up to 75 percent of the approved entry-level officer salary and fringe benefit costs, with a minimum 25 percent local cash match requirement and a maximum federal share of \$125,000 per officer position over a three-year grant period.

Application Deadline: The FY 2016 application window closes Summer 2016.

Benefits to Promise Zone: Preference Points

Program Description: The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) provides funds directly to law enforcement agencies to hire new and/or rehire career law enforcement officers to address self-identified community issues and to increase community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts.

Under FY 2016 CHP, additional consideration will be given to applicants who select one of the following community policing problem/focus areas or identify with one of the following preference areas:

Problem/Focus Areas:

- Homeland Security
- Homicide/Gun Violence
- School-Based Policing through School Resources Officers (SROs)
- Building Trust

Preference Areas:

- Hiring military veterans
- Applicants who have experienced an unanticipated catastrophic event
- Applicants that have a neighborhood or other geographic area designated as a Promise Zone as part of the President's Promise Zone Initiative
- Applicants in states with certain anti-human trafficking laws that treat minors engaged in commercial sex as victims (referred to as "safe harbor" laws) or permit individuals to vacate arrest or prosecution records for non-violent offenses as a result of being trafficked.

Background: More than 20 years after the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 was signed into law, the COPS Office continues to support the efforts of law enforcement agencies across the country as they develop creative and innovative ways of dealing with long-standing community problems and public safety issues. To date, the COPS Office has funded the addition of more than 127,000 officers to more than 13,000 state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies to advance community policing in small and large jurisdictions across the nation.

CHP is one of several hiring programs developed by the COPS Office since its inception to support law enforcement. COPS Office hiring programs such as CHP are particularly important as state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies face the challenges of keeping their communities safe through community policing while maintaining sufficient sworn personnel levels in a changing economic climate.

Funding Opportunities: For updates on funding please visit: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=46>.