TO: Mayor and City Council

SUBJECT: 2016 COPS Hiring Program Grant

INITIATED BY: Wichita Police Department

AGENDA: New Business

Recommendation: Authorize the necessary signatures on the contract award documents.

Background: The COPS grant is administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS). The funds are used to advance public safety through community policing by addressing the department’s goal of assisting state, local, and tribal efforts to prevent or reduce crime and violence. The Wichita Police Department had applied and received COPS grant funding in 2009 and 2010, which funded several officer positions.

In May 2016, WPD staff was made aware of the 2016 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) where $137 million and up to 200 grants would be awarded. The grant application was submitted in order to meet the deadline, pursuant to authority under Administrative Regulation 2.4, where delay would invalidate the grant.

In June 2016, WPD staff submitted for the 2016 COPS Hiring Program grant to fund seven officer positions to continue its emphasis on the community policing philosophy. This philosophy relies on the positive interactions between the police, other public servants and community members to serve our community’s needs regarding safety, crime prevention, and crime-related quality of life issues.

Analysis: WPD was awarded $875,000 from the 2016 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) to hire seven officers. An Award letter was delivered to the City and must be returned to the U.S. Department of Justice within 90 days of October 1, 2016.

Financial Considerations: The 2016 COPS grant award is for $875,000 and the local cash match required will be a minimum of $473,371. The maximum federal share of $125,000 per officer, for seven police officers, will cover a portion of the first three years of salary and benefits. Officers acquired through the grant funding must be maintained by the recipient agency for at least one year following the three year grant period. Salary and benefits to be absorbed by the General Fund starting in the first year are projected to total $206,455.

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Legal Considerations: None.

Recommendations/Actions: It is recommended that the City Council authorize the necessary signatures on the contract award documents.

Attachments: Award Document from COPS office.