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Office of Community Oriented Policing Services

I. Overview

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2019, the Department requests \$99 million for COPS programs under the State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance appropriations heading of the Office of Justice Programs (OJP). COPS Office programs further the Department of Justice's (DOJ's) goal to assist state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies in their efforts to prevent crime, enforce laws, and represent the rights and interests of the American people. The funding highlights include:

- \$64.0 million for the COPS Hiring Program (CHP) to assist in hiring additional sworn law enforcement professionals;
- \$5.0 million for Community Policing Development as a set-aside within CHP funding;
- \$10.0 million for Indian Country as a set-aside within CHP funding, including an allowance for up to \$3 million to support the DOJ Tribal Access Program;
- \$5.0 million for the COPS Office's Collaborative Reform Initiative for Technical Assistance (CRI-TA) as a set-aside within CHP funding;
- \$5.0 million for Smart Policing; and
- \$10.0 million for Regional Information Shared Services (RISS)

Currently, the COPS Office administers grants and provides expertise and other assistance in advancing public safety through the implementation of community policing strategies in jurisdictions of all sizes across the country. Community policing is a philosophy that promotes organizational strategies that support the systematic use of partnerships and problem-solving techniques to proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues such as crime, social disorder, and fear of crime.

In FY 2019, these community policing activities and the staff that oversee them will be merged with OJP, allowing the Department to centralize and strengthen the partnerships it has with state and local law enforcement and to promote community policing not only through its hiring programs but also through the advancement of strategies for policing innovations and other innovative crime-fighting techniques.

The FY 2019 President's Budget seeks to continue to streamline grant administration, management, and oversight functions. Currently, DOJ has three separate administrative offices that support its grant programs. In order to streamline services, save taxpayer dollars, and eliminate duplication among DOJ's grant components, the Department has begun efforts by which OJP will serve as a shared management service provider to support all DOJ grant components. Through this process, 213 positions will be reduced across the grant components over FY 2018 and FY 2019, including 177 from OJP, 33 from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), and three from the Office on Violence Against Women.

The FY 2019 Budget also proposes to move the Drug Enforcement Administration’s (DEA) Methamphetamine Lab Cleanup Program to the DEA Salaries and Expenses account to centralize DEA’s funding streams dedicated to assisting State and local law enforcement in their communities. A total of \$10 million for the Methamphetamine Lab Cleanup Program is requested under DEA.

II. Summary of Changes

Item Name	Description				Dollars (\$000)	
		Pos.	FTE			
Community Policing	Transfer of COPS Programs to OJP	0	0	(\$158,509)	Note 1	
Methamphetamine Lab Cleanup	Transfer of DEA Methamphetamine Lab Cleanup Program to DEA	0	0	(\$10,927)	Note 2	
Anti-Heroin Task Force	Consistent with FY 2018 President’s Budget	0	0	(\$9,938)	Note 3	
Anti-Methamphetamine Task Forces	Consistent with FY 2018 President’s Budget	0	0	(\$6,956)	Note 3	
TOTAL		0	0	(\$186,333)		

Note 1: The Budget proposes to transfer these activities to OJP. It includes \$99 million for COPS Program activities under OJP’s State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance account.

Note 2: The Budget transfers DEA’s Methamphetamine Lab Cleanup Program to its Salaries and Expenses account. The figure shown above represents the FY 2018 continuing resolution annualized rate.

Note 3: Funding for these programs is not requested in 2019. The Department already supports state and local task forces with funding provided by its law enforcement bureaus. These program eliminations are included in the technical adjustments section of the budget, which builds from the 2018 annualized continuing resolution level to the 2018 President’s Budget request. The FY 2018 President’s Budget proposed to eliminate funding for both of these programs, as does the 2019 President’s Budget.

The FY 2019 Request proposes to transfer COPS Program activities and staff to OJP and the DEA Methamphetamine Lab Cleanup Program to DEA. In 2019, the Budget includes \$99 million for COPS Program activities under OJP’s State and

Local Law Enforcement Assistance account and \$10 million for DEA’s Methamphetamine Lab Cleanup Program under DEA’s Salaries and Expenses account.

III. Appropriations Language and Analysis of Appropriations Language

The FY 2019 President’s Budget request merges COPS Office Programs into the Office of Justice Programs. To implement this merger, the Department requests \$99 million for COPS programs under the State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance appropriations heading of the Office of Justice Programs (OJP).

The FY 2019 Budget also proposes to move the Drug Enforcement Administration’s (DEA) Methamphetamine Lab Cleanup Program to the DEA Salaries and Expenses account. Therefore, no language is proposed under the Community Oriented Policing Services appropriation heading for this program.

IV. Program Activity Justification

A. Community-Oriented Policing

Community Oriented Policing	Direct Pos.	Estimate FTE	Amount
2017 Enacted	104	104	221,500,000
2018 Continuing Resolution	97	97	175,403,000
Adjustments to Base and Technical Adjustments	(97)	(97)	(175,403,000)
2019 Current Services	0	0	0
2019 Program Increases	0	0	0
2019 Program Offsets	0	0	0
2019 Request	0	0	0
Total Change 2018-2019	0	0	0

The FY 2019 Request of \$99 million shown above for COPS programs is included under the Office of Justice Programs’ State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance appropriation.

Performance Tables

Performance Materials will be provided at a later date.