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TITLE

Request by Sheriff's Office to Apply for FY 2023 US Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services for School Violence Prevention Program

BRIEF OVERVIEW

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) has announced the Fiscal Year 2023 School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP) application funding period. This program furthers the COPS Office's goal to improve security at schools and on school grounds through the implementation of evidence-based school safety programs and technology.

The Hernando County Sheriff's Office is asking for approval to submit an application for the funding of virtual reality training equipment to be utilized for use of force drills, active shooter drills, and de-escalation training. The Hernando County Sheriff's Office will be applying for \$100,000. The local match required is 25%.

The application is still in the early stages of writing at this time. Due to the application deadline of May 17, 2023, we are requesting the Board of County Commissioners authorize the Sheriff's Office to submit the application for funding. If this grant is awarded, documentation will be presented to the Board for acceptance.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

No financial impact at this time. If awarded the grant, there will be an increase in revenue to the grant department. The required local match of 25% will be covered by the Sheriff's Office.

LEGAL NOTE

The Board may take the recommended action pursuant to Chapter 125, Florida Statutes.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve and authorize Hernando County Sheriff Accounting Specialist, Jacob Lynch, to submit the grant application via JustGrants on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners. If the grant is awarded, documentation will be presented to the Board for acceptance.