

RESOLUTION NO. 5039

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLEDAD AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2014 COPS HIRING PROGRAM (CHP) GRANT AWARD, FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES (COPS), FOR \$125,000.00 TO HIRE A NEW FULL-TIME SWORN OFFICER POSITION; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HER AUTHORIZED DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY AGREEMENTS AND ALL REQUIRED AWARD DOCUMENTS.

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2014, the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) announced to all cities within the United States that it was accepting applications for the 2014 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) three-year grant program; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the COPS CHP program is to provide selected cities with federal funding up to 75 percent of the approved entry-level sworn officer salary and fringe benefit costs, with a minimum 25 percent local cash match requirement and a maximum federal share of \$125,000.00 per officer position over a three-year period; and

WHEREAS, CHP requires that each position awarded be retained with local funds for a minimum of 12 months at the conclusion of the 36 months of federal funding for each position; and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2014, the City of Soledad Police Department submitted a 2014 COPS CHP application wherein grant funding for 75 percent of the salary and fringe benefit costs of 1 new full-time entry-level sworn School Resource Officer (SRO) was requested; and

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2014, the City of Soledad received final "Notification of Application Approval" (Award #: 2014UMWX0170) from U.S. DOJ COPS and was informed that the Soledad Police Department received approval for one (1) SRO position under the 2014 COPS CHP; the estimated amount of federal funds to be awarded over the three-year period is \$125,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the COPS CHP initiative is a three-year grant funded program and will provide federal funding up to 75 percent of the approved entry-level sworn SRO salary and fringe benefit costs, with a minimum 25 percent local cash match requirement (approved to utilize budgeted funds from the City's General Fund toward the required match) and a maximum federal share of \$125,000.00 for the sworn SRO position over a three-year period. CHP requires the SRO position be retained with local funds for a minimum of 12 months at the conclusion of the 36 months of federal funding; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Soledad authorizes acceptance of the 2014 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) Grant Award, from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS),

in the amount of \$125,000.00 to fund 75 percent of the approved entry-level sworn SRO salary and benefit costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager of the City of Soledad, or her authorized designee, is hereby authorized to execute any necessary agreements and all required award documents.


PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Soledad at a regular meeting duly held on the 3rd day of December, 2014 by the following vote:

AYES, and in favor thereof, Councilmembers: Christopher K. Bourke, Richard J. Perez, Patricia D. Stephens, Mayor Pro Tem Alejandro Chavez and Mayor Fred J. Ledesma

NOES, Councilmember: None.


ABSENT, Councilmember: None.

ABSTAIN, Councilmember: None.



FRED J. LEDESMA, Mayor

ATTEST:


ADELA P. GONZALEZ, City Clerk