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FY 2015 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) is now OPEN.

The COPS Office is pleased to announce that the **FY 2015 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) is now open and accepting applications.**

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) is pleased to announce that we are now accepting grant applications for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) for the hiring and rehiring of entry-level career law enforcement officers in an effort to create and preserve jobs and increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts.

The FY2015 CHP grant program will be an open solicitation. All state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies with primary law enforcement authority will be eligible to apply. All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

Highlights for FY 2015 CHP: As in years past, 2015 CHP applicants with primary law enforcement authority for the population to be served are eligible to apply. Applicants may apply for the number of officer positions equal to 5% of their actual sworn force strength, up to a maximum of 15 officers for agencies with a service population of less than 1 million, or 25 officers for agencies with a service population of 1 million or more. Officer requests may be made to (a) hire new officer positions (b) rehire officers who have been laid off (by any jurisdiction) as a result of state, local, or tribal budget reductions and/or (c) rehire officers who are (at the time of application) currently scheduled to be laid off (by your jurisdiction) on a specific future date as a result of state, local, or tribal budget reductions.

All applicants will be asked to identify a specific crime and disorder problem/focus area and how 2015 CHP funding would be used to initiate or enhance your agency's capacity to implement community policing approaches to that problem/focus area. In FY 2015, additional consideration will be given for CHP applicants who select "Homicide/Gun Violence," "Homeland Security Problems" or "Building Trust" as their problem/focus area. Applicants selecting any of the Building Trust focus areas are encouraged to refer to [the report of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing](#) for suggested actions to incorporate into your proposed community policing strategy. In addition, the issue of school safety continues to be a national priority with the law enforcement community, educators, and the general public. As such, additional consideration will also be given for applicants who indicate that the officer position(s) requested will be deployed as a School Resource Officer (SRO).

The COPS Office supports the Attorney General's commitment to [hiring military veterans](#) whenever possible. Applicants who commit to hiring or rehiring at least one military veteran under CHP will receive additional consideration for CHP funding. As in previous years, a military veteran hire must have served on active duty for a period of at least 180 days, any part of which occurred on or after September 11, 2001, and has been discharged or released from active duty in the armed forces under honorable conditions.

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