

## **COPS Office Funding in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009**

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (the COPS Office) is pleased to announce the availability of funding under the COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP). The COPS Office will receive the funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to address the personnel needs of state, local, and tribal law enforcement. Application materials are scheduled to be available before the end of March.

CHRP is a competitive grant program that provides funding directly to law enforcement agencies having primary law enforcement authority to create and preserve jobs and to increase their community policing capacity and crime-prevention efforts. Up to \$1 billion in grant funding will be available for the hiring and rehiring of additional career law enforcement officers. There is no local match requirement for CHRP, but grant funding will be based on current entry-level salaries and benefits packages. Any additional costs for higher salaries or benefits for particular individuals hired will be the responsibility of the grantee agency.

Applications for CHRP grants will be accepted only online through the COPS Office web site: [www.cops.usdoj.gov](http://www.cops.usdoj.gov). The COPS Office looks forward to working with the law enforcement agencies that apply under this program and will provide technical assistance to applicants during the solicitation process, as requested.

If you have any questions about this program or any COPS Office grants, do not hesitate to contact David Buchanan, Vonda Matthews, or Shannon Long at 202.514.9079.