

# City awarded \$5 million hiring grant for Police Department



The Riverside Police Department has been awarded a \$5.14 million grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) office. The COPS grant provides funds to hire 15 full-time, entry-level police officer positions. “This grant will assist the Riverside Police Department to fight crime while enhancing our community policing and crime prevention efforts, keeping our neighborhoods safe,” said Chief of Police Sergio G. Diaz.

The grant provides 100 percent funding for salaries and benefits of 15 full-time, entry-level officers over a period of 36 months. The City is then required to retain all of the grant-funded positions for a minimum of 12 months after the grant ends.

The Department of Justice awarded \$298 million to fund the hiring of 1,388 law enforcement officers throughout the country. Due to the high demand and limited funding available, only 8% of applicants were funded. The City of Riverside received the largest police department award in Southern California.

The Police Department will initiate the hiring process for these new officers in the very near future.

