

RESOLUTION 2011 - 051

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATION TO REQUEST THAT BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE (BSO) PREPARE AND SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR THE 2011 COPS HIRING PROGRAM FOR THE HIRING OF ADDITIONAL DEPUTIES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT WITHIN THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO TRANSMIT THE REQUEST IN WRITING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) announced the solicitation of grant applications for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 COPS Hiring Program (CHP). Subject to funding availability, approximately \$200 million may be available under FY 2011 CHP for the hiring and rehiring of additional career law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, CHP is a competitive grant program that provides funding directly to law enforcement agencies having primary law enforcement authority to impact their community policing capacity and problem solving efforts; and

WHEREAS, according to the Department of Justice, as with the previous years, the Broward Sheriff's Office ("BSO") must be the applicant for any municipality that contracts with BSO for law enforcement services; and

WHEREAS, the grant cycle opens for applications on May 2, 2011, and the closing date will be May 25, 2011; and

WHEREAS, CHP grants provide 100 percent funding for approved entry-level salaries and benefits for three years (36 months) for newly-hired, full-time sworn officer positions (including filling existing unfunded vacancies) or for rehired officers who have been laid off, or are scheduled to be laid off on a specific future date, as a result of local budget cuts; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of federal funding, grantees must retain all sworn officer positions awarded under the CHP grant for a minimum of one year (12 months). The retained CHP-funded position(s) should be added to the grantee's law enforcement budget with state and/or local funds, over and above the number of locally-funded positions that would have existed in the absence of the grant; and

WHEREAS, there is no local match requirement or cap on the amount of funding that can be requested per officer position, but CHP grant funding will be based

on the Town's current entry-level salary and benefits packages. Any additional costs for higher than entry-level salaries and fringe benefits will be the responsibility of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town's contract with BSO is currently being negotiated and the Town desires to add three additional officers desires; and

WHEREAS, this grant provides an opportunity to the Town to gain additional law enforcement personnel at a significantly lower rate for four years; and

WHEREAS, before submitting the application by the deadline, BSO needs written confirmation from the Town the number of new positions it will be requesting; confirmation that if funded, the Town will be responsible for all the other expenses over and above what the grant will pay for (i.e., with new positions come expenses other than salary and benefits, such as uniforms, vehicle, cost allocation, other equipment, etc.); confirmation that the Town, at the end of the grant period, will fully fund the positions for 12 months.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida:

Section 1: Recitals. The recitals above are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2: Approval. The Town Council hereby approves the submission of a grant application from the Broward Sheriff's Office to the United States Department of Justice CHP Grant.

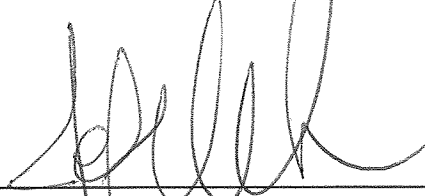
Section 3: Authorization. The Town Council authorizes its Town Administrator to transmit the applicable written confirmation to Broward Sheriff's Office, attend all necessary meetings, and coordinate the execution of final grant agreements, if any, between the parties.

Section 4: Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, this 28th day of April 2011 on a motion by Council Member McKay and seconded by Council Member Jablonski.

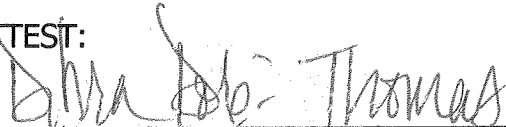
Nelson	<u>AYE</u>
Fisikelli	<u>AYE</u>
Breitkreuz	<u>AYE</u>
Jablonski	<u>AYE</u>
McKay	<u>AYE</u>

Ayes	<u>5</u>
Nays	<u>0</u>
Absent	<u>0</u>
Abstaining	<u>0</u>



Jeff Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Debra Doré-Thomas, CMC, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:



Keith Poliakoff, Town Attorney
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