



# Blount County Budget Committee Memo

TO: Blount County Commissioners/Budget Committee

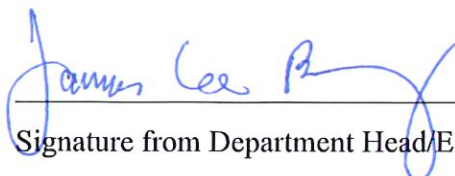
FROM: BCSO

RE: COPS grant award (Community Policing Oriented Services)

DATE: 10/22/2024

1. Background The Sheriffs Office has been awarded a COPS grant for 5 new deputies. We came to you in July, requesting permission to apply for the grant. We are now coming to you to appropriate the award monies for the rest of FY24-25.
2. History (tell if the item has been brought to the budget committee previously) We requested 5 new deputies during the budget process, but did not receive any, so we applied to the COPS program to assist with covering the cost of the 5 deputies.
3. Current Operations (how are operations without the requested item/service) It is getting harder as the population grows to provide the same level of service that the citizens of Blount County have grown accustomed to receiving and deserve.
4. Proposal (what is the new item/service being requested) The addition of 5 new deputies would grow our patrol force, and provide greater coverage, allowing for better response times when a citizen calls for service.
5. Impact if not funded (provide a summary on impact to the mission if the item/service is not approved) : If we do not start adding deputies now and over the next few years it could lead to longer response times when a citizen calls for service.

Budget Impact	
Original Budget	\$ 206,558.17
Amendment Impact	\$ 197,697.50
Proposed Revised Budget	\$ 404,255.67

  
Signature from Department Head/Elected (or designee)

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