



To: Budget Committee/Blount County Commission
From: Angelie Shankle, Finance Manager Sheriff's Office
CC: Fin. Dir. Brian Baldwin, Mayor Ed Mitchell
Date: 06/14/2024
Re: COPS grant award (Community Policing Oriented Services)-HIRING

Budget Committee Members and Commissioners,

The Sheriff's Office is requesting to apply for the COPS Hiring grant, with the problem focus area of "Violence-Guns". We are requesting 5 new deputies in the grant application. If awarded, it is a 3-year grant.

It pays a maximum of \$125,000 per deputy over the 3-year term (or \$41,667/yr/deputy), to go toward salary and benefits only. The County is responsible for the remaining. After the 3 years, the Sheriff's Office/County will absorb the full cost of the positions.

****If you allow us to apply, and we are subsequently awarded the positions, we will be bringing another budget item to you, requesting monies out of the General County Fund Balance, to cover the cost of new patrol vehicles, which will be needed for these new hires. We respectfully request your consideration of these items.****

Thank you,
Angelie Shankle