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TO: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator

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SUBJECT: City Council Agenda Item for May 19, 2011 – 2011 CHP Grant

DATE: May 4, 2011

INTRODUCTION:

The Muscatine Police Department is requesting permission from the City Council to apply for the 2011 COPS Hiring Program grant for two officers. The application period opened on May 2, 2011 and ends on May 28, 2011.

BACKGROUND:

The COPS Hiring Program has notified us that we are eligible to update and resubmit our application to the hiring grant for two officers. The grant would pay the entry level salary and benefits for the positions for three years (36 months). The City would be required to maintain those two positions for at least a fourth year after the grant ends. The City may be responsible for any increase in the two officer's salaries and benefits beyond the original entry level expenses and will be responsible for the full amount of the fourth year.

The applications that were submitted in 2009 and 2010 were not awarded by the program.

If awarded this time around, one of the officers would be added to the Street Crimes Unit/community policing function and the second officer would allow us to assign an officer to the middle schools as the SRO.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

We are requesting permission to file the application for this grant.