

## **RESOLUTION NO. 3381-2010**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF COPS HIRING PROGRAM GRANT FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER**

**WHEREAS**, the 2010 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Program will award up to \$298 million in grants to address the full-time sworn officer needs of state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies nationwide and to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2010 COPS Hiring Program application is not an open solicitation, and only agencies with a pending 2009 COPS Hiring Recovery Program application will be invited to provide targeted updates for FY 2010 CHP funding consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Bragg submitted a 2009 COPS Hiring Recovery Program application for funding for a School Resource Officer and was not funded so the City has been invited to apply under the 2010 limited COPS Hiring Program solicitation; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2007 Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Mendocino County was awarded a three-year Title II grant from the Corrections Standards Authority, through a collaborative effort that included the Fort Bragg Unified School District, Mendocino County Youth Project, Safe Passage Family Resource Center, and the City of Fort Bragg; and

**WHEREAS**, the Title II grant provided \$100,000 per year to fund the City's School Resource Officer including salary, benefits and other direct expenditures; and

**WHEREAS**, Big Brothers/Big Sisters grant funding for the School Resource Officer terminates as of June 30, 2010, and there are insufficient resources in the budgets of any of the consortium entities' budgets to sustain this position after the grant termination date; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Bragg has designated that existing Asset Forfeiture Law Enforcement Administrators Association (LEAA) Education funds in the amount of \$83,000 should be directed to support the School Resource Officer position for fiscal year 2010-2011 beginning July 1, 2010 and until said funds are expended; and

**WHEREAS**, after current allocated funding is expended, there are insufficient City or other resources to sustain the SRO position, and due to the anticipated lack of funding, the School Resource Officer position is subject to lay-off after designated funding is exhausted; and

**WHEREAS**, the COPS Hiring Program provides funding for a period of three years for entry-level salary plus benefits costs to be used to rehire officers who are scheduled to be laid off at a future date, if the rehired position is retained by the grantee for a period of one year after CHRP funding ends; and

**WHEREAS**, COPS Hiring Program funding may be used to preserve the School Resource Officer position; and

**WHEREAS**, if the grant is awarded, the City will be responsible for payment of salary and benefit costs plus other direct costs that exceed the grant-provided entry level salary and

benefit costs, which is projected to total to an average City cost of \$25,000 per fiscal year or up to \$75,000 over the three-year period, and \$125,000 for the twelve-month retention period; and

**WHEREAS**, grant terms require that the City Council authorizes submittal of the grant application, and authorizes the City Manager to act on the Council's behalf in matters pertaining to this application; and

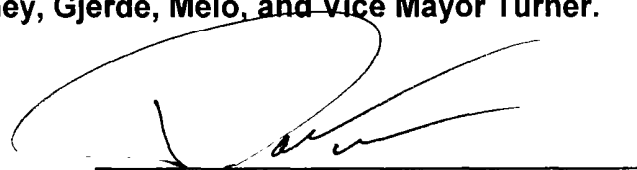
**WHEREAS**, based on all the evidence presented, the City Council finds as follows:

1. The School Resource Officer has been a highly successful and effective tool in increasing safety and security at Fort Bragg schools and the community at large, and loss of this position would be detrimental to the community.
2. If the grant is awarded, sufficient resources will be budgeted from the General Fund to pay for actual salary and benefit costs that exceed grant allowances.
3. If awarded, the City of Fort Bragg's Police Department will retain the School Resource Officer position for a period of 12 months after the grant termination date.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg does hereby authorize submittal of the COPS Hiring Program grant application and directs the City Manager to act on the City's behalf in all matters pertaining to this application, grant agreement and any amendments thereto.

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember Melo, seconded by Councilmember Gjerde, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010, by the following vote:

**AYES:** Councilmembers Courtney, Gjerde, Melo, and Vice Mayor Turner.  
**NOES:** None.  
**ABSENT:** Mayor Hammerstrom.  
**ABSTAIN:** None.



**DAVE TURNER,**  
Vice Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
**Cynthia M. VanWormer, CMC**  
City Clerk