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**MAYOR EMANUEL ANNOUNCES OVER \$3 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDING TO BOLSTER
CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT**

City of Chicago to receive \$3.125 million to help hire 25 officers focused on community policing

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today announced that the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program has awarded the City of Chicago \$3,125,000 in funding to hire twenty-five community police officers. Consistent with past years, Chicago was awarded the COPS grant in support of the Chicago Police Department's community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts.

"Since day one of taking office, I have made a commitment to enhancing public safety in every corner of this great city," said Mayor Emanuel. "To meet Chicago's challenges, we are infusing our police department with the manpower, technology and training necessary to enhance their capacity to make our goals a reality. We thank the Department of Justice for their continued support and investment in our police officers, who work tirelessly to ensure the security and well-being of our city."

This grant is part of a the Department of Justice's COPS Hiring Program to increase community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts nationwide with the aim of creating or saving hundreds of law enforcement positions. Since 2012, Chicago has received \$11.2 million from the COPS Hiring Program for 90 police officer positions.

Since taking office, Mayor Emanuel has made public safety a top priority for the city. This grant supports the Mayor's comprehensive plan to bolster public safety, as laid out last month, which includes investments in enforcement, prevention and economic opportunity. This grant announcement also comes on the heels of announcing the immediate expansion of the Becoming a Man (BAM) mentoring program, supporting the Mayor's bold three-year initiative to provide 7,200 young men from at-risk communities with high-quality mentoring opportunities to prevent them from dropping out of school and keep them on track for high school graduation.

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