Staff is pursuing the FY2014 COPS grant for up to 4 School Resource Officers. We are currently finalizing an MOU with the San Leandro School District in order to meet the grant requirements, and will make the same request to the San Lorenzo SD. Under Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 CHP, awardees may receive up to 75 percent of the approved entry-level officer salary and fringe benefit costs, with a minimum 25 percent local cash match requirement and a maximum federal share of $125,000 per officer position over a three-year grant period. I have listed additional grant requirements below:

The FY 2014 CHP grant program is an open solicitation. All state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies with primary law enforcement authority will be eligible to apply.

Priorities:

""Homeland Security: To include protecting critical infrastructures, information/intelligence problems, and other homeland security problems.
""Homicide/Gun Violence: The COPS Office supports the attorney general's priority goal of reducing violent crime, especially if it is gun related.
""School-Based Policing through SROs: Applicants requesting officer positions(s) in order to deploy SROs must deploy all their officer positions as SROs. Moreover, if awarded CHP fund- ing, CHP grantees who chose this specific community policing problem area will not be allowed to change it post-award. CHP grantees who use CHP funding to deploy SROs will also be required to submit to the COPS Office the contact information for each school partner where they intend to deploy the SROs, and to provide a Memorandum of Understanding between the CHP grantee and the school partner.
""Trust Issues: To include issues of fairness and impartiality, transparency problems, respect problems, and other trust-related problems.

Additional consideration may also be given for the following:
""Applicants who have experienced an unanticipated catastrophic event. Applicants indicating that they have experienced an unantici- pated catastrophic event will be required to submit an attachment documenting the event or incident as part of their application.
""Applicants that have a neighborhood or other geographic area designated as a Promise Zone as part of the President's Promise Zone Initiative. ""Applicants who commit to hire at least one military veteran. These military veterans may be in any of the three hiring categories; new hire, rehire or rehire scheduled to be laid off.

SRO specific:

An SRO is a career law enforcement officer, with sworn authority, deployed in community-oriented policing, and assigned by the employing police department or

agency to work in collaboration with schools and community-based organizations to (a) address crime problems, gangs, and drug activities affecting or occurring in or around an elementary or secondary school; (b) to develop or expand crime prevention efforts for students; (c) to educate likely school-age victims in crime prevention and safety; (d) to develop or expand community justice initiatives for students; (e) to train students in conflict resolution, restorative justice, and crime awareness; (f) to assist in the identification of physical changes in the environment that may reduce crime in or around the school; and (g) to assist in developing school policy that addresses crime and to recommend procedural changes.

Your agency will also be required to submit a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between your agency and the school/school district, defining the roles and responsibilities of the individuals and partners involved, including SROs, school administrators, law enforcement and education departments, students, and parents. The MOU should explicitly state the proposed programs and daily activities that the SRO will develop and/or administer; address the policies/procedures and the extent to which information will be shared between the law enforcement agency and school (or school district) partners; and the MOU should be signed by the law enforcement executive and designated representative for the school/school district.

Funding:
All agency requests will be capped at no more than 5 percent of their actual sworn force strength as reported on the date of application. Agencies with a service population of 1 million or above may apply for up to 25 officer positions while agencies with a service population less than 1 million may apply for up to 15 officer positions. The request of any agency with a sworn force strength less than or equal to 20 will be capped at one officer.

The COPS Office may grant a waiver of some or all of an applicant's local match requirement. During the application review process, waiver requests will be evaluated based on a demonstration of severe fiscal distress.

At the conclusion of the 36 months of federal funding, grantees must retain all sworn officer positions awarded under the CHP grant for a minimum of 12 months.