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Mayor Healy Announces COPS Grant Application to Hire 25 Additional Police Officers

JERSEY CITY – **Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy**, in conjunction with the **Jersey City Police Department**, have announced that the City is preparing an application for submission with the **United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)** for funding to hire 25 new police officers.

The administration will present a resolution to the City Council Monday night to authorize submission of the application.

The City is seeking \$125,000 per officer over three years, which represents 75 percent of the officers' salaries and benefits with the city contributing the additional 25 percent.

Last year, the City of Jersey City awarded \$1.85 million, which was used toward the salaries of 17 officers, though the city contributed additional funds to hire an additional five officers for a total of 22 officers.

“We are always seeking ways to put additional police officers on the street, and the COPS grant has been a successful tool in this process,” said **Mayor Healy**. “We pledged to hire 50 new police officers this year, and are currently in the process of clearing 25 officers to enter the police academy in July using city funding. This grant application, if approved, would allow us to hire the other 25 officers using primarily federal funds.”

In addition to the application, the administration – as in years past – will be seeking the support of our federal and state representatives to ensure Jersey City receives these much needed funds.

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