



# ***City of North Miami Beach, Florida***

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## **Police Department**

Memorandum No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date            May 13, 2025

To:             Juan Pinillos, Chief of Police

From:          Stuart Nichols, Deputy Chief of Police

Subject:       Commission Background memo of COPS Grant Acceptance

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The North Miami Beach Police Department (NMBPD) seeks approval to accept and award in the amount of \$1M for the purpose of hiring eight (8) police officers from the U.S. Department of Justice under the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Program. The total cost of the program is \$2,106,608, requiring a NMB Police Department match of \$1,106,608. This memorandum outlines the necessity of the grant and the benefits it will provide to the NMB Police Department.

This grant furthers the City's goal of advancing public safety through community policing by funding additional full-time career law enforcement positions. This helps to proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues such as violent crime, nonviolent crime, and fear of crime. The grant acceptance will help to advance the work that promotes civil rights and equity, increase access to justice, support crime victims and individuals impacted by the justice system, strengthen community safety and protect the public from crime and evolving threats, and build trust between law enforcement and the community. Anticipated outcomes of the award acceptance include engagement in planned community partnerships, implementation of projects to analyze and assess problems, implementation of changes to personnel and agency management in support of community policing, and increased capacity of NMB Police Department to engage in community policing activities.

Your support and consideration for this grant acceptance is greatly appreciated.

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