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City of Westland Receives COPS Hiring Grant to Bolster Public Safety

Westland, MI (November 3, 2023) ---

The City of Westland is pleased to announce the receipt of a Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Grant, which will enable the city to hire four additional police officers.

This grant, awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice, will enhance Westland's safety, and strengthen the connection between law enforcement and citizens.

The grant, totaling \$500,000 over a period of three years, was awarded to the City of Westland as part of the COPS Hiring Program, which supports local law enforcement agencies in hiring and rehiring police officers. With these funds, the city can expand the police force and continue the commitment to public safety. The City matched the grant with the required 25% of the total hiring amount of \$1,429,464 (Federal Government: \$500,000/City of Westland \$929,264).

Mayor Michael P. Londeau stated, "This grant is a significant step forward for our city. It will allow us to enhance our law enforcement capabilities and provide even better service to our residents. The safety and well-being of our community are top priorities, and these four additional officers will contribute to a safer and more secure Westland."

The COPS Hiring Program promotes the principles of community policing, and the cultivation of positive relationships between law enforcement and the communities they serve. The program focuses on building trust, reducing crime, and improving public safety.

Westland Police Chief Kyle Dawley added, "The newly hired police officers will undergo comprehensive training and orientation to ensure they align with the community policing philosophy and the values of our city. Their presence will further strengthen our efforts to maintain a safe and welcoming environment for all residents, businesses, and visitors."

The City of Westland expresses its gratitude to the U.S. Department of Justice for this valuable grant, which will positively impact the community, and looks forward to welcoming the four new officers to the Westland Police Department.

Mayor Londeau added that he would like to express his thanks to the Nocerini Strategy Group, Inc. team, the city's grant writers, for their help securing this critical funding.

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