TOWN OF FAIRFAX
STAFF REPORT

To: **Mayor, Members of the Town Council**

From: **Chris Morin, Chief of Police**

Date: **September 5, 2012**

Subject: **Adoption of Resolution Allocating Funds from Assembly Bill 1584 and AB 425 (COPS FY 2012-2013)**

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Resolution setting forth the Police Department's proposed use of the funds and disbursement of COPS FY 2012 – 2013 funding.

DISCUSSION

Assembly Bills 1584 and AB 425, Section 9210-101-0001, allocated a minimum of $100,000 to the Fairfax Police Department under the Community Oriented Police Services (COPS) program. The Governor and Legislative leaders have indicated their intention that funds under the front-line law enforcement provision of the bill should be spent on personnel-related costs. The Police Department has previously used the front line law enforcement funds to fund a portion of one full-time Police Officer, a portion of one full-time Community Service Officer, and provide equipment and technology related to those personnel needs. The Department plans to continue funding these positions in the coming year.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact on the Town of Fairfax General Fund. These funds have been designated by the State Legislature for this specific purpose and are already included in the FY 2012 – 2013 Budget. This program in future fiscal years is based on the State providing the funding.

ATTACHMENTS

1 - Proposed Resolution

AGENDA ITEM # 9

RESOLUTION NO. 12- 56

A RESOLUTION OF THE FAIRFAX TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX ADOPTING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT PLAN TO ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR THE COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES (COPS) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Assembly Bills 1913 and 1584 (Prenter) replaced AB 3229 (Brulte) of the 1996 Legislative Session affecting the COPS program, of which $243,500,000 was earmarked for front line law enforcement, and a minimum of $100,000 was earmarked for each police department to address personnel needs; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfax Police Department is entitled to $100,000 in COPS law enforcement funds; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfax Police Department has proposed to use the front line law enforcement portion of the funds to pay for one Police Officer, a portion of the Community Service Officer, and to provide front line equipment related to those personnel needs; and

WHEREAS, the intended use of COPS 2012- 2013 funds do not supplant or replace existing law enforcement programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax approves the Police Department's proposed use of the COPS funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is the policy of the Town Council that this action shall continue to be effective for the term set forth in Assembly Bills 1913 and 1584 and that the above-noted actions shall be rescinded if continued funding for the COPS program is not provided by the State.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Fairfax Town Council on the 5th day of September, 2012 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

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PAM HARTWELL-HERRERO, MAYOR

Attest:

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Judy Anderson, Town Clerk