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MEMORANDUM

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Background

The Police Corps provides educational assistance to students who agree to serve on a state or local police force for four years. Funds cover education expenses, including tuition, fees, books, and other expenses. Student participants may receive up to \$7,500 per academic year, with a maximum total per student of \$30,000. The student's service commitment must follow receipt of a bachelor's degree or precede the start of graduate studies funded by Police Corps.

Law enforcement agencies that employ Police Corps officers will receive \$10,000 per participant for each year of required service, or \$40,000 per each participant who fulfills the four-year service requirement.

Police Corps is not a grant program. States submit state plans for approval by the COPS Police Corps Office in order to participate in the program. The Police Corps Office approves states for a specific number of participants, not a set dollar amount. Approval of a state plan commits the Police Corps Office to cover three major categories of expenses over a 4 to 8 year period: 1) scholarship payments, 2) training expenses, and 3) payments to the employing agencies. The exact period of the payments and the total dollar amount the states will receive depends upon whether the state chooses to recruit freshman, sophomores, juniors, or seniors.

A Fact Sheet with more detailed information on the Police Corps is attached.

Appropriation

Congress appropriated \$30 million for Police Corps in Fiscal Year 1998. The Appropriations report earmarks \$2 million for Mississippi out of this total.

FY '98 State Allocations

Fifteen states and one territory have been approved for participation in Police Corps for FY '98. Nine of these states are already participating in the program. Their FY '98 allocations will allow them to expand the number of participating students. The remaining six states and the Virgin Islands will be new to Police Corps in FY '98. A table listing the FY '98 state allocations is attached.

For FY '98 the sixteen states will have a total allocation of \$14,383,020. The remaining \$15,616,980 out of the \$30 million FY '98 appropriation will go to support the on-going expenses of participants who have been approved to date.

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COPS Facts

Police Corps

The Police Corps is a college scholarship program for students who agree to serve on a state or local police force for at least four years. The funds cover education expenses, including tuition, fees, books, supplies, transportation, room and board, and miscellaneous expenses. The Police Corps is administered by the Office of the Police Corps and Law Enforcement Education in the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, in conjunction with participating states.

Eligibility Requirements

Police Corps participants are selected on a competitive basis by each state. Students must pursue an undergraduate or graduate degree in a field approved by the policing agency to which the student will be assigned. Participants must possess the necessary mental and physical capabilities and emotional characteristics to be an effective law enforcement officer, be of good character and demonstrate sincere motivation and dedication to law enforcement and public service. Until 1999, up to 10 percent of Police Corps candidates may be persons with policing experience who have demonstrated special leadership potential and dedication to law enforcement. Police Corps participants must undergo 16 weeks of training prior to their police service. People interested in participating should contact the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center at 1-800-421-6770 for a list of participating states and points of contact.

Police Corps scholarship funds also are available to dependent children of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in participating states. These scholarships may be applied to any course of study, without any service or repayment obligation.

Funding Provisions

Participants may receive up to \$7,500 per academic year, with a maximum per student total of \$30,000. The student's service commitment must follow receipt of the baccalaureate degree or precede commencement of graduate studies funded by the Police Corps.

Policing agencies that employ Police Corps officers will receive \$10,000 per participant for each year of required service, or \$40,000 per each participant who fulfills the four-year service obligation. However, a policing agency may not receive this payment for a year in which its average size has declined by more than 2 percent since January 1, 1993, or for a year in which it has laid off officers.

For more information, call the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center at 1-800-421-6770.

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Table 3: FY 1998 State Plans/Recommended FY 1998 Commitments for Expansion of Current States

	Arkansas	Kentucky	Maryland	Mississippi	Missouri	N. Carolina	Oregon	S. Carolina	Texas	Totals
Positions recommended	10	15	20	45	15	15	20	20	20	180
Tuition	75,000	112,500	150,000	337,500	112,500	112,500	150,000	150,000	150,000	1,350,000
Stipends	40,000	60,000	80,000	180,000	60,000	60,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	720,000
PD Reimbursements	100,000	150,000	200,000	450,000	150,000	150,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	1,800,000
Training	146,000	210,000	480,000	1,032,500	250,000	275,000	496,000	517,500	326,720	3,733,720
Totals	361,000	532,500	910,000	2,000,000	572,500	597,500	926,000	947,500	756,720	7,603,720

Table 4: FY 1998 State Plans/Recommended FY 1998 Commitments for New States

	Colorado	Florida	Illinois	Massachusetts	Oklahoma	Utah	Virgin Is.	Totals
Positions recommended	20	30	20	20	20	30	10	150
Tuition	150,000	225,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	225,000	75,000	1,125,000
Stipends	80,000	120,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	120,000	40,000	600,000
PD Reimbursements	200,000	300,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	300,000	100,000	1,500,000
Training	435,000	950,500	247,500	300,000	420,500	950,800	250,000	3,554,300
Totals	865,000	1,595,500	677,500	730,000	850,500	1,595,800	465,000	6,779,300

Recommended total for all states

14,383,020


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This is background information on the grants and states receiving money. I have asked DOJ to postpone this announcement until later in the month or early September. They will get back to me today.

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Jon --

We may make the announcement later in the week. In the meantime, here is a description of the program:

Police Corps is a recruitment program designed to encourage college students and graduate students to pursue a career in the law enforcement field. Participating students can receive up to \$7,500 per year to cover education expenses. Upon graduation, students serve in a law enforcement agency for four years. States apply to the COPS Office to participate in the program.

The states that have been selected for this year's funding, the number of students, and the dollars allocated are (THESE ARE PRELIMINARY):

Arkansas (10 students; \$361,000); Kentucky (15; \$532,500); Maryland (20; \$910,000); Mississippi (45; \$2 million earmarked in FY '98 appropriation); Missouri (15; \$572,500); North Carolina (15; \$597,500); Oregon (20; \$926,000); South Carolina (20; \$947,500); Texas (20; \$756,720). Each of these states are currently participating in the program.

The following states are new participants in the program for this year:

Colorado (20; \$865,000); Florida (30; \$1,595,500); Illinois (20; \$677,500); Massachusetts (20; \$730,000); Oklahoma (20; \$850,500); Utah (30; \$1,595,800); Virgin Islands (10; \$465,000).

Let me know if you have any questions.

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