Resolution No. 2727

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPENDING GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000.

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury applied for funds through the DOJ'S COPS Hiring Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the DOJ has awarded the City of Salisbury funds in the amount of \$250,000; and

WHEREAS, these funds shall be used to hire two new law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury must enter into a grant agreement with DOJ defining how these funds must be expended; and

WHEREAS, § 7-29 of the Salisbury City Charter forbids the Mayor from entering into an contract that requires an expenditure not appropriated or authorized by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, appropriations necessary to execute the purpose of this grant must be made upon the recommendation of the Mayor and the approval of four-fifths of the Council of the City of Salisbury;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland does hereby appropriate the necessary funds and authorize Mayor Jacob R. Day to enter into a grant agreement with the DOJ and expend the awarded funds accordingly.

THE ABOVE RESOLUTION was introduced and duly passed at a meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland held on February 27, 2017 and is to become effective immediately.

ATTEST:

Kimberly R. Nichols CITY CLERK

John R Heath CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY ME this <u></u>**19** day of Februrary, 2017.

Jacob MAYOR

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Housing & Community Development

To:	Julia Glanz
From:	Theo Williams
Subject:	Resolution for COPS Hiring Grant
Date:	January 31st, 2017

The Salisbury Police Department has received a highly competitive COPS Hiring Grant in the amount of \$250,000 for the hiring of two new SPD officers. Their hiring will relieve two current officers in order to fully staff the safe streets program. The SPD's tremendous commitment to community policy shown through in the application as the application ranked in the top 20 across the country, out of 100s, if not over 1,000, applications.

The funding will cover over 50% of the salary and fringe of the officers for three years. The City's match over this period is approximately \$200,000. The match does not have to be expended at the same time that the federal funds are expended. Thus, we will not need a budget amendment for any expenditure this fiscal year as we can fund the training of these officers entirely through the federal funds.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.