

2002 deadline to be considered for funding. All grant awards are subject to the availability of funding. Since funding is limited under the COPS in Schools Program, the COPS Office encourages interested agencies to apply early. Previous editions of the COPS in Schools Application Kit will not be accepted.

ADDRESSES: To obtain a copy of the CIS 2002 Application Kit, please call the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center at 1.800.421.6770 or visit the COPS Web site at <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center at 1.800.421.6770 or your COPS Grant Program Specialist. Additional information on the COPS in Schools program and the COPS Office in general is also available on the COPS Web site at: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov>.

Overview

The Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (Public Law 103-322) authorizes the Department of Justice to make grants to increase deployment of law enforcement officers devoted to community policing on the streets and rural routes in this nation. Many communities are discovering that trained, sworn law enforcement officers assigned to schools play an integral part in the development and/or enhancement of a comprehensive school safety plan. The presence of these officers provides schools with a direct link to local law enforcement agencies. School Resource Officers (SROs) may serve in a variety of roles including, but not limited to, that of a law enforcement officer/safety specialist, law-related educator, and problem solver/community liaison. These officers may teach programs such as crime prevention, substance abuse prevention, and gang resistance as well as monitor and assist troubled students through mentoring programs. The School Resource Officer(s) may also identify physical changes in the environment that may reduce crime in and around the schools, as well as assist in developing school policies which address criminal activity and school safety.

COPS in Schools funding must be used to hire new, additional School Resource Officers, over and above the number of sworn officers that a law enforcement agency would fund with state or local funds in the absence of the grant (including other School Resources Officers). A law enforcement agency may not reduce its state, locally-funded

or Bureau of Indian Affairs-funded level of sworn officers (including other School Resource Officers or other sworn officers assigned to the schools) as a result of applying for or receiving COPS in Schools grant funding. For example, agencies currently employing one locally-funded School Resource Officer (or any other officer assigned to the school) that are awarded an additional School Resource Officer under the COPS in Schools program should thereafter employ two School Resource Officers (one locally-funded and one COPS-funded). COPS in Schools funding may be used to rehire sworn officers previously employed by your agency who have been laid off for financial reasons unrelated to the availability of the COPS in Schools grant if your agency obtains prior written approval from the COPS Office.

At the time of application, all applicants must agree to plan for the retention of each COPS-funded COPS in Schools position awarded at the conclusion of federal funding for at least one full local budget cycle. The application must also include a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), signed by the law enforcement executive and the appropriate school official, to document the roles and responsibilities of the collaborative effort between the law enforcement agency and the educational school partner(s). The application must also include a Narrative Addendum to document that the School Resource Officer(s) will be assigned to work in and around primary or secondary schools and provide supporting documentation in the following areas: problem identification and justification, community policing strategies to be used by the officers, quality and level of commitment to the effort, and the link to community policing.

All agencies receiving awards through the COPS in Schools program are required to send the officer(s) deployed into the School Resource Officer position(s) as a result of this grant, and one individual designated as the School Representative under the grant program, to attend one COPS in Schools Training. The COPS Office will reimburse grantees for training, per diem, travel, and lodging costs for attendance of required participants up to a maximum of \$1,100 per person attending. Should your agency receive a COPS in Schools grant, your agency will receive additional training information following notification of the grant award.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) reference for this program is 16.710.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—AAF Association, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that, on March 15, 2002, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), AAF Association, Inc. has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership status. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, VRT (Vlaamse Radio-en Televisieomroep), Brussels, Belgium has been added as a party to this venture. Also, NL Technology, North Andover, MA has been dropped as a party to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and AAF Association, Inc. intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On March 28, 2000, AAF Association, Inc. filed its original notification pursuant to section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on June 29, 2000 (65 FR 40127).

The last notification was filed with the Department on December 31, 2001. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on February 6, 2002 (67 FR 5617).

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