

## **Possible areas of funding for School Resource Officers (March 2017)**

A SROs law enforcement agency and their school district typically split the cost of the time the officer is in the school, usually ten months out of the year. Can be any % division (50/50, 70/30, 90/10, etc). Both entities have a stake in keeping their community schools safe and usually will share the cost of a sworn police officer/deputy in their school. Double check with your chief or sheriff to determine if this funding arrangement could work for your SRO position.

### **Ohio Attorney General's Drug Use Prevention Grant-**

Offered on an annual basis by the Ohio Attorney General. The Ohio AG's Office is empowered to administer a drug abuse resistance grant program funded through license reinstatement fees and the sale of impounded vehicles. *Ohio Revised Code Section 4511.191, (L)(2)(e)*. Applicant Eligibility: Agencies with school resources officers and/or D.A.R.E. officers who instruct qualifying **drug use prevention programs** (important qualifier) in Ohio's schools are eligible to apply for the funds. \*\*Eligibility guidelines change so always check the AG's website for the most updated information. The application should be available soon (becomes available in **March** each year): <http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Files/Law-Enforcement/Drugs/Drug-Use-Prevention-Grant/Grant-Flyer-Updated-3-2016.aspx>

### **U.S. Department of Justice's Community Oriented Policing Program (COPS)**

COPS awards millions of dollars every year to help community policing keep America safe. SRO programs are included. This link indicates that a 2017 program will be offered though the specific info is not yet listed: <https://cops.usdoj.gov/default.asp?Item=65> Keep checking the link or, for more information, please contact the COPS Office Response Center at 800.421.6770 or by email [askCOPSRC@usdoj.gov](mailto:askCOPSRC@usdoj.gov).

### **Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG)**

Proposed to streamline justice funding and grant administration, the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) allows states, tribes, and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on their own local needs and conditions. SRO programs have applied for and received this grant funding. The next application date is **May 1**, 2017. This grant application takes time and effort to complete so please start early. <http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/JAG.stm>

**Asset Forfeiture Monies-** Check with your department regarding its use of asset forfeiture funds as described in ORC SECTION 2981.13. Check into the availability of this funding source if, as an SRO, you conduct programs to educate adults or children in the dangers of drug misuse or abuse and these monies are available in your county/department. Please read the ORC link below, particularly paragraph D. <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/2981.13>

**Grants.gov** Check for the most recent Federal Grants available.

**Parent Teacher Organizations:** OSROA is hearing of an increasing number of school districts Parent Teacher Organizations (PTO) assisting with the cost of their SRO Program. The assistance has varied from paying for SROs Conference and/or other school-based law enforcement training registration fees to donating thousands towards the cost (salary) of the SRO.