

# Application for Columbus Office of Crime Prevention Grant

## A. Applicant

Name of Organization: Columbus Police Department

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Has the applicant organization ever received a grant from COCP? Yes

If yes, when was the grant made? 2017 Was a final report submitted? Yes

## B. Project

Project period (full life of project) July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019

Where, specifically, will it occur? Muscogee County School District

Approximately how many people will benefit from the project? 600 children

How did you arrive at the above numbers? 10% of the 5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> graders in MCSD

When will funds be needed? May 1, 2018

Grant amount requested (must be no more than 90% of total project expense) \$132,480.00

Total project revenue and support (from line 3, pg. 6) None

Total project expenses (from line 12, pg. 7) \$167,100.00

7. Travel (Itemize) Transportation to/from school and for Field Trips

Subtotal, Travel \$87,387.00

8. Printing and copying 300 Activity booklets with 10 color pages in each booklet

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Subtotal, Printing and copying \$86.00

9. Marketing and publicity N/A

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10. Mailing/postage None

11. Telephone/fax None

Subtotal, Other None

**12. TOTAL PROJECT EXPENSE \$167,100.00**

and *G.R.E.A.T.* units are geared towards providing positive police encounters with the citizens of Columbus. The officers in these units are frequently engaged with children in the community through each programs' curriculum based classes, after school programs, and Vacation Bible Schools.

### **III. Project Description & Objectives**

The Columbus Police Department's DARE to be GREAT crime prevention program will consist of two components (school & summer) to provide children the opportunity to enjoy a wide range of activities. In the school component, Muscogee County students will receive the regular curriculum that the traditional *D.A.R.E.* and *G.R.E.A.T.* programs offer during the school year. The summer camp component will be based on, and continue building on, those lessons. These lessons focus on five major areas:

- Providing accurate information about drugs, alcohol and tobacco.
- Teaching students good decision-making skills.
- Showing students how to recognize and resist peer pressure.
- Giving students ideas for positive alternatives to drug use.
- Prevention and serving as an immunization against teen pregnancy, obesity, delinquency, youth violence, and gang membership

With the summer camp we will seek to enhance the community and enrich the lives of children in Columbus, Georgia by providing a safe, supportive, and structured educational program. It will support the overall health and well being of the targeted age group. The program will offer quality educational, recreational, and cultural programs that promote social, physical, intellectual, and emotional development of each child. The camp will include educational classes in which they learn conflict resolution, goal setting, healthy self-image,

- Increase students ability to work together constructively.
- To reduce recidivism among juveniles offenders
- Increase the number of middle school youth who demonstrate increased negative views about gangs and criminal activity by 10% over the prior year.
- Increase the number of school-aged children who improve their positive perception of law enforcement by 10% percent over the prior year.
- Increase the number of families (parents and youth between the ages of 10 and 14) receiving cooperative lessons designed to facilitate communication and decision-making skills by 10% over the prior year

## **VI. Success**

### **DARE Summer Camp:**

The camp was held from June 5 through June 30, 2017 at Fort Middle School. The students were fifth graders going to middle school and recent graduates of the DARE Program. There were representatives from several elementary schools in Muscogee County. We had 87 students apply for the camp and maintained an average of 65 students daily.

We incorporated presentations from other departments within the agency and others from within the community. Camp participants were divided into five groups and assigned one of the following “themes”: Integrity, Respect, Honor, Discovery, and Expression. Each group presented a skit at the end of camp based on their theme. Our very own “DARE IDOL” talent show gave the students an opportunity to showcase their skills.

We continued to reinforce the DARE curriculum and ideals. We were able to expand on lessons that stressed the dangers of using tobacco and misusing prescription medicine. Additional classes were also given on self-esteem, bullying, and public speaking. Our education

- “My child learned confidence working with law enforcement”
- “Camp was a great experience for my entire family. My child learned confidence working with law enforcement”
- “I appreciated the fact that there are still good officers around who care about us”

The students and parents both communicated that they would speak favorably about the camp and recommend it to others. According to the surveys, the DARE Summer Camp was a success.

It must be noted that in order to reach the goal of providing the camp to more children, more funds must be made available. However, we are confidently looking forward to even better summer camps in the future. As the challenges and concerns of our students change, we shall evolve and adapt to help them be successful. We plan to build on the experience we’ve gained through the previous camps and continue to provide children a safe, fun, and educational alternative during the summer.

### **GREAT Summer Camp:**

Our G.R.E.A.T. Summer component set out to achieve continuous education in the areas of goal setting, social skills, life skills, self-esteem building and general education on current events and issues facing today’s youth. We continued to enforce and review negative views of gangs and gang membership. We instilled in students how to avoid bullying and how to report acts of bullying against other kids. We also taught them the invaluable skills of teamwork and healthy behaviors while working with others. We exposed our students to a family-counseling specialist, who explored the importance of marriage, abstinence and family values. The students also visited several local establishments—Hollywood Connection, Stars and Strikes, Double Churches

are also very active recruiting youth from our middle schools. The summer camp will be significant to the community because it will help students become responsible members of their communities, by setting goals for themselves, resisting pressures, learning how to resolve conflicts and understanding how gangs and crime impact the quality of their life. The *D.A.R.E. / G.R.E.A.T.* summer camp will culminate with a certificate of graduation, a new philosophical outlook towards police, and the tools needed to resist gangs and crime.

### **IX. Administered**

The program will take place Monday through Thursday during the daytime hours (11:00 am until 5:30 pm.). It will include 30-45 minute classes; a critical time to engage school aged children in structured activities. It is operated and supervised by *D.A.R.E. / G.R.E.A.T.* Officers. The *D.A.R.E. / G.R.E.A.T.* Curriculum, guest speakers, and others classes are taught in the morning. In the afternoons we will have one hour of open recreation followed by the AWANA Games. On Thursdays we take the students on field trips to such places as activity parks and/or educational and historical tours. Qualified college & high school students will assist as counselors. They will be selected and properly screened by the sworn officers. The program will compliment what children are learning in school and strengthen their sense of responsibility of being a productive individual within their community.

Officers assigned to the *D.A.R.E.* and *G.R.E.A.T.* programs are highly qualified to carry out this program. These officers are charged with the enhancement of the community's understanding of the role of the police and to assist the police in understanding the needs of the community. The ultimate goal of the *D.A.R.E.* and *G.R.E.A.T.* programs are to provide an outreach through community service, to enhance a positive rapport without losing patrol effectiveness, and enable our department to establish a closer and more effective relationship within all areas of the community. Further more, the *D.A.R.E.* and *G.R.E.A.T.* officers undergo

**AUTHORIZATION**

**All organizations receiving Columbus Funds will be required:**

- To provide background checks at the expense of the applicant for those in contact with juveniles.
- Provide reports on the progress of the program after 3 months, 6 months and program's end. The only exception to this will be if the program is seasonal and then a schedule will be worked out to determine effectiveness of the program.

By signing this application, we understand and agree to the terms included on the application and certify that the information in the application is true and accurate and that the undersigned is authorized to apply on behalf of the applicant.

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Signature of Authorizing Official

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