

ATTACHMENT 1

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCED, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE GRANT APPLICATION AND ACCEPTING THE GRANT AWARD FROM THE US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Merced Police Department is requesting approval to apply for the FY 2026 COPS Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Program grant; and,

WHEREAS, the Merced Police Department must submit the application by August 5, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, grant funds shall be available for use from October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2028; and,

WHEREAS, the grant provides maximum funding in the amount of \$250,000; and,

WHEREAS, the grant's mission is to implement new or enhance existing programs that offer training and services to support officers' emotional and mental health, including counseling programs, peer mentoring, suicide prevention, stress reduction, and police officer family services; and,

WHEREAS, the grant does not require a match of any type (in-kind or cash); and, is a 100% reimbursement grant; and, funds are first expended by the MPD and then requests for reimbursement are submitted on a quarterly basis; and,

WHEREAS, the staff is requesting permission to accept the grant award without returning to City Council when offered the funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCED DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE, FIND, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the City Manager or designee of the City of Merced is authorized to submit an application to FY 2026 COPS Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Program grant.

SECTION 2. That the City Manager may accept the grant award without returning to City Council for acceptance when offered the grant award.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Merced at a regular meeting held on the _____ of _____ 2026 by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members:

NOES: Council Members:

ABSENT: Council Members:

ABSTAIN: Council Members:

APPROVED:
MATTHEW SERRATTO, MAYOR

Mayor

ATTEST:
D. SCOTT MCBRIDE, CITY CLERK

BY: _____
Assistant/Deputy City Clerk

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
CRAIG J. CORNWELL, CITY ATTORNEY

Craig Cornwell 7/8/2026
City Attorney Date