

WASHINGTON-The office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) will provide grants to law enforcement agencies to help pay for the salaries and benefits in hiring additional officers. The grants will provide up to seventy-five percent of the total salary and benefits of each officer over three years, up to a maximum of \$75,000 per officer.

The Jefferson County Sherriff's department has been awarded 10 full time positions, and the City of Tuscaloosa has been awarded 6 full time positions. "These grants will allow law enforcement agencies to hire additional personnel to perform community policing and homeland security activities", Bachus explained. "These grants will put more officers on the streets, and our communities will be safer for it."