



**Greater Miami-Miami Beach Police Foundation, Inc.  
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Phil Keith  
Acting Director  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Community Oriented Policing Services  
145 N Street NE  
Washington, DC 20530

Re: City of Miami Police Department 2020 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) application

Dear Mr. Keith:

This letter is in support of the City of Miami's proposal to the COPS Office FY 2020 grant application.

It is our understanding that the monies, if awarded, will be utilized to hire much needed City of Miami Police Officers for gun violence reduction initiatives. The Greater Miami-Miami Beach Police Foundation (a 501c3) applauds & supports the Miami Police Department's (MPD) efforts to create a bridge between law enforcement and the community to offer alternative solutions to reduce incidents of retaliatory gun violence. We support the Criminal Investigation Section's use of an evidence-based model for community policing purposes. The implementation of Cease-Fire will connect residents to community resources to mitigate the effects of gun violence and reduce incidents of further gun violence.

The Greater Miami-Miami Beach Police Foundation is a non-profit that provides community services which include: Mentoring programs for youth, young adults, veterans & recently released incarcerated individuals; Creating & supporting neighborhood team sports such as Football and Track & Field programs in underserved neighborhoods; Encouraging healthy living; Providing homeless individuals with hygiene products, clothing & food; Youth bicycle give-away programs; Holiday Meal giveaways; Visiting houses of worship and community groups to speak and find solutions to reduce "hate"; Supporting officers families in times of distress and illness.

All endeavors are accomplished with participation of uniformed Police Officers to encourage positive interaction between communities and officers.

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