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Galena, Ohio 43021

April 14, 2023

Sgt John Stolarski
Community Engagement Coordinator
North Royalton Police Department
14000 Bennett Road
North Royalton, OH 44133

Dear Sgt Stolarski,

Congratulations! You and your department are being awarded a \$1,000 grant from the Pizzi Family Fund of the Columbus Foundation.

Our objective is to encourage law enforcement departments to establish community outreach programs intended to help the relationship between law enforcement and the citizens and communities that they protect.

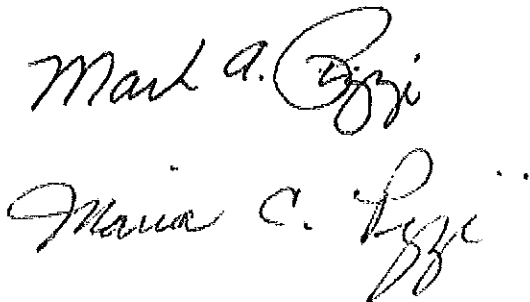
The C.A.S.E.S. (Cops and Students Enjoying Sports) Program is a great opportunity to change the mindset of the community, which will make a positive impact.

As citizens and parents of a police officer, please accept this check as a congratulations and thanks for the efforts of you and your department to improve community relations.

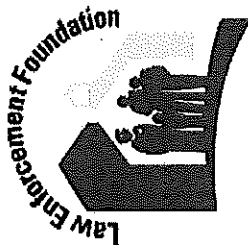
The Law Enforcement Foundation has been critical to making this grant possible through their administration of the program.

We are proud of you and your department. Well done.

Regards,

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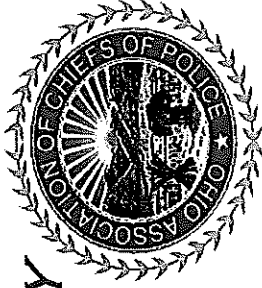
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LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY
SUPPORT PROGRAM GRANT

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North Royalton Police Department



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Community Engagement Programs

Making a difference together

Law Enforcement Community Relations Support Program

Deadline: March 15, 2023

Through the Community Relations Support Program, Mark & Maria Pizzi wish to recognize the community policing efforts of Ohio law enforcement agencies, as well as support growth of additional effective community relations programs across Ohio.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

OACP member agencies are eligible for a \$1,000 Community Initiatives Grant. Eligible agencies must have a community relations program in place or plan to establish a program within six months of receiving the grant. Programs must be designed to improve police / community relations. Two (2) \$1,000 grants will be awarded per year.

Two \$1,000 grants will be awarded per year to OACP member agencies who develop sustainable and unique programs which enhance their image and make a positive impact upon the communities they serve.

Eligibility Requirements

- Member of the OACP
- New program that can be established within six months of the grant
- Can be an existing measurably successful program that cannot be sustained without new funding source
- Must address at least one of the Program priorities.

Program Priorities

- **Trust**
 - Programs focusing on areas where distrust of law enforcement tends to be high.
 - Programs connecting law enforcement officers and departmental leaders with individual citizens, community leaders, influencers and groups of the public in non-enforcement settings and situations.
 - Opportunities for local community leaders and influencers to gain better insight with law enforcement, such as ride-a-longs, training exercises (i.e. de-escalation, etc.)

- **Communication**

- Encourage open communications between law enforcement officers and those they serve.
- Educational programs with the public, which allows citizens to better understand the law enforcement's role in the community, their commitment to the public and how to interact with law enforcement officers in enforcement settings.
- Workshops for law enforcement officers to improve and use public interaction tools and skills.

- **Youth Opportunities**

- Improving the opportunities for youth to lead productive lives by reducing the likelihood of becoming involved in criminal behavior and finding purpose.
- Youth oriented programs intended to encourage positive behavior, good citizenship and future opportunities.

- **Recruitment**

- Programs recognizing and rewarding law enforcement officers for self-initiated positive and meaningful contact with the public.
- Improved success in law enforcement officer recruitment by building a positive image of law enforcement officers within the community.

Current programs in jeopardy due to lack of funding will be given a higher consideration than those current programs not in jeopardy.

Grant Application Form

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Agency NORTH ROYALTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Address 14000 BENNETT ROAD

City NORTH ROYALTON Zip Code 44133

Primary Contact
JOHN STOLARSKI

Position / Job Title
SERGEANT / COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Email
sgt.stolarski@police.northroyalton.org

Phone
440-582-6216 X. 2218

Size of Agency 37 SWORN OFFICERS

County Cuyahoga

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Community Initiatives Program Priorities

(Indicate the priorities that your project will address. *Select one Primary priority and up to two other additional priorities*)

Primary	Additional	Program Priorities
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trust
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Communication
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Youth Opportunities
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Recruitment

Program Objectives

(Indicate the objectives that your program will address. *Select all that apply*)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Focusing on areas where trust is low | <input type="checkbox"/> Education programs for law enforcement |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Connecting with community | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initiatives that empower youth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exposure to law enforcement experiences | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Youth engagement programs |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communication with community | <input type="checkbox"/> Law enforcement recognition programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education programs for public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building positive image of law enforcement |

Program Summary

Program Title C.A.S.E.S (Cops And Students Enjoying Sports)

Program Start Date AUGUST 2023

Program Status ☒ New ☐ Existing (If existing, is the program in jeopardy?) ☐ Yes ☐ No

Summary of Program (Provide a brief description of the program, attach additional pages if needed.)

The better part of my career has been spent as a Detective, to include handling juvenile cases. In conducting my follow up investigations, many of the juveniles who committed crimes expressed that they did so because they were bored and had nothing to do. These crimes typically involve property crimes and alcohol and drug abuse.

AS of the New Year, I have been assigned the role of Community Engagement Coordinator. As a result, I would like to implement a Community Relations Program. Attached to this application is a description of the program.

Program Objective (Briefly describe the community and the issue your program is designed to address. If this is an existing program, briefly describe the results and any changes needed to improve the outcome for your community.)

The City of North Royalton has almost 32,000 residents. We are considered a "bedroom community." Therefore, we do not have many businesses that appeal to our youth, such as: bowling alleys, movie theaters or a mall. Our teenagers that are not actively involved in organized sports are often bored and the result is property related crimes and alcohol and drug abuse. My program will give these kids an outlet from this boredom and likely reduce such crimes.

Program Participation (Describe who will participate in or benefit from the program.)

The North Royalton Police Department will actively participate with our: Students, faculty, service departments, Fire Department and the community. Our students and community will surely benefit from the program, as well as our Police Department, as people will get to see another side of us.

Select the age of the audiences who will benefit from your program (Select all that apply)

- ☒ Children (0 - 5 years)
- ☒ Children (6 - 11 years)
- ☒ Teens (12 - 16 years)
- ☒ Youth (17 - 25 years)
- ☒ Adults (26 - 54 years)
- ☒ Older adults (55+ years)

Expected Results (Describe the expected outcome or results from the program.)

The expected outcome of this program will be a reduction in crime, especially involving our teenagers. This program will also give many kids and families a better "sense of worth" as they will feel more involved and connected with each other and the community. I expect the Police Department's image will improve as we gain further trust and support from our community.

Submit the completed application to the Review Committee via email at donna.harrass@oacp.org by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, March 15, 2023. Please include all materials in one PDF document and name the file "Grant Applicant_your agency name". Do not include multiple attachments. Applications will be reviewed by the Review Committee and applicants who are selected for funding will be notified by Monday, April 3, 2023.

The program will be named C.A.S.E.S (Cops And Students Enjoying Sports).

I feel the name is “catchy” to people because it will be led by the Police Department so “CASES” is fitting, but students and sports are also included, which will help unite us. The purpose of the program will be to get the kids involved in various sports activities so they are engaged and not bored. They will also get to see the “human side” of Officers and realize that many of us love to be active, are athletic and that we care about the kids in our community. A main goal of the program would be to reduce crime by giving these kids outlets that they do not currently have. They will also feel a bigger part of their community and will be more inclined to assist the police department with information once these relationships have been formed. Many kids will not be proactive and will not spearhead these activities, but many will partake in the activities if they are organized and well-structured for them. We would also encourage the kid’s family members to join in. This will help to reinstitute the family concept that our society has been drifting from. I envision starting the program with high school students, grades 9-12. A big reason for this is because most of our juvenile crime occurs between these grades/ages and I want to focus on getting them engaged and away from criminal activity and bad influences. I see the program as being a competitive outlet for the kids so being high school age will make it easier to schedule events and not have it as a babysitting session where it’s just a place to drop off your kids for a while. As the program gets established, a goal of mine would be to incorporate days for younger aged kids as well so they learn at a young age that the Police are here to help them and they can engage with us in a sporting, fun, atmosphere, contrary to what the media and other outlets have been portraying us to be like.

North Royalton Police Department members will be involved in the program. We will select Officers that want to be there because they want to have a positive impact on the lives of the kids in our community and their families.

We are blessed to have many sports venues available to us so we will work hand-in-hand with our Recreation and Service Department to gain access to the fields and courts. These members will also be encouraged to join our events and I feel a true sense of community will develop. The local school district will be involved so we can use the indoor gyms and fields should the need arise. The teachers and staff will also be encouraged to get involved in our activities. I envision days where we are competing against the kids and their families, as well as against the teachers and recreation departments, or mixing the teams up for a competitive balance. I cannot think of a better way to get the community involved than by doing this. Kids generally are extremely competitive so this will help them relieve stress that they encounter on a daily basis and hopefully they grow closer to their families, teachers, the police and their community. A "Player of the Game" will be named, but would not necessarily go to the most outstanding athlete. It could, but the player of the week consideration would include: sportsmanship, teamwork and work ethic as criteria. We want to teach kids how to compete, but more importantly, how to be great role models and citizens in their community and beyond. I would ask our local newspaper to post a picture of the "Player of the Game" with some Officers and family that attended and a brief caption of why they were selected. This will help with the entire community, especially those who did not attend but who read the newspaper. It may encourage them to get involved and see how the Police are engaging with them in a positive light.

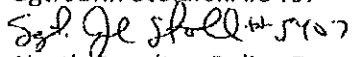
A quarterly or bi-annual analysis will be implemented to measure if the program is working or not. The analysis will include crime statistics to see if crime has increased or decreased during the timeframe of the program. The emphasis will be on Juvenile crime, but can still involve all crime data as we are trying to get the entire community involved. Surveys will also be sent out to those involved to gauge if the program is working and to what level of satisfaction or dissatisfaction, so adjustments can be made if necessary. I would ask for the Law Departments assistance for any advice regarding participants signing a waiver to attend the events.

In closing, C.A.S.E.S would truly be a Community Relations Program, but its origins would stem from the Police Department which I feel will surely help with our image and help to restore confidence in us, from the public. The overwhelming majority of Officers are kind, hard-working, family-loving individuals and my program will help to humanize law enforcement and bring the community together, but also give the kids a tremendous outlet from the stresses and boredom of life that many face. Learning how to compete and dealing with wins and losses is a big part of life, so it is a Win-Win in my eyes. I sincerely feel that public cooperation with the police will substantially increase and as a result, crime will substantially decrease. Our Police Department only has so many eyes and ears, so we rely on the public and their cooperation, to share information with us and help to be the pulse of the community. There is no program like this in our town and in my opinion, there is no better way to engage the kids and our community than to get everyone involved and engaged and to learn some valuable life lessons along the way.

This Grant would enable the North Royalton Police Department to get the C.A.S.E.S Program up and running by providing financial support for: field and gym rentals, maintenance fees, staffing, equipment, "Player of the Game" recognition/medals and snacks and drinks for the sporting events.

Thank You for your consideration!

Sgt. John Stolarski #5407

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North Royalton Police Department