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EHT AWARDED COPS HIRING GRANT

Mayor McCullough was informed by Congressman Frank Lobiondo today that Egg Harbor Township was awarded a 2010 COPS Hiring Program Grant in the amount of \$1,128,350.

Congressman LoBiondo stated his concern for the loss of police officers and said he was “extremely proud that he was able to help secure this funding for the Police Department and the residents of Egg Harbor Township.”

The COPS Hiring Program allows the Township to retain five (5) police officers who received layoff notices earlier this year. The funding covers the next three (3) years of their salaries. “This is a great savings to our residents,” stated Mayor McCullough. McCullough commended the efforts of the Police Department in securing the grant. “The Egg Harbor Township Police Department under the direction of Chief Catania prepared and submitted the successful grant application. I would like to single out for special recognition Lieutenant Chris Ruef who was the point man for the department on this application.”

Egg Harbor Township was one of the 379 different local law enforcement agencies in 51 states and territories who were awarded a grant. The total value of grants awarded was \$298 million according to COPS Office Director Bernard Melekian. “The COPS office received 4,590 applications requesting over \$2.3 billion in resources, making it a very competitive program,” according to Director Melekian.

“This grant will greatly assist the Township in preparation of its 2011 municipal budget,” stated Mayor McCullough. The grant covers the salaries for those 5 officers who received layoff notices in 2010.