

Motion M2020-42 authorizing the City Manager or his designee to apply for a grant of \$75,000 from the U. S. Department of Justice – Community Policing Services (COPS) – Community Policing Development microgrant program for the purpose of creating an educational training program on human trafficking, to record the appropriation of such grant funds in the amount that may be approved, and to execute and deliver the grant agreement and such related documents as may be required to put the grant into effect. No local match is required.

The Police Department, working with the Chamber of Commerce and the Hospitality Association, will conduct training for local businesses to prevent human labor and sex trafficking. The Department has determined that major impediments to successfully dealing with these crimes are the lack of knowledge definitions of “trafficking” and the failure to understand what our community can do to help the victims



March 4, 2020

Community Oriented Policing Services
Department of Justice

Dear COPS Microgrant Program:

I write on behalf of over 870 private businesses that the Myrtle Beach Area Hospitality Association represents in support of the Myrtle Beach Police Department's proposal for the Community-Oriented Policing Services microgrant focusing on "Human Trafficking Training and Prevention Strategies". Over the past several years, our community has worked together to support public safety as a shared responsibility to decrease crime in our area including human trafficking. In 2019, violent crime decreased by 13% which was attributed to improved community communication and partnerships with law enforcement. The Myrtle Beach Area Hospitality Association will work to continue to educate our business community and visitors who live, work and play in Myrtle Beach.

With the long-standing relationship with the City of Myrtle Beach Police Department, the Myrtle Beach Area Hospitality Association supports educational training of our hospitality groups utilizing an educational curriculum and strategies to prevent human trafficking.

These strategies will allow us to continue to work together and combat human trafficking while enhancing our partnerships and keeping Myrtle Beach safe. If I can provide additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 843.626.9668 or stephen.greene@mbhospitality.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Greene". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Stephen" and last name "Greene" clearly legible.

Stephen Greene
President & CEO
www.mbhospitality.org



March 3, 2020

Community Oriented Policing Services
Department of Justice

Dear COPS Microgrant Program:

I am writing on behalf of the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce in support of the Myrtle Beach Police Department's proposal for the Community-Oriented Policing Services microgrant focusing on "Human Trafficking Training and Prevention Strategies". Over the past several years, our community has worked together to support public safety as a shared responsibility to decrease crime in our area including human trafficking. In 2019, violent crime decreased by 13% which was attributed to improved community communication and partnerships with law enforcement. The Chamber will work to continue to educate our business community and visitors who live, work and play in Myrtle Beach.

The Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce has a long-standing relationship with the Myrtle Beach Police Department and its programs. The Chamber supports educational training of our business community utilizing an educational curriculum and strategies to prevent human trafficking.

These strategies will allow us to continue to work together and combat human trafficking while enhancing our partnerships and keeping Myrtle Beach safe. If I can provide additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (843) 916-7241.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Riordan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Karen Riordan
President & CEO