

RESOLUTION R2026-005
Town of Hope Mills Resolution Supporting
FY2027 Community Project Funding Request for
Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, COPS Technology and Equipment

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Hope Mills has expressed its commitment to supporting public safety initiatives within the community; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners recognizes the need to acquire and fund additional police equipment to enhance the safety and operational effectiveness of the Hope Mills Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners supports the submission of a request for Fiscal Year 2027 Community Project Funding under the Community Project Funding, within the COPS Technology and Equipment Program account in the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners supports the request by the Hope Mills Police Department to procure (10) Mobile Data Terminals, (12) small desktops (mini PC), (24) flat top monitors, and (20) body armor to improve officer safety and operational capacity; and

WHEREAS, the proposed request seeks federal funding in the amount of \$115,208 to support the acquisition of law enforcement safety and efficiency equipment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Hope Mills authorizes the pursuit and submission of a formal request for Fiscal Year 2027 Community Project Funding under the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, COPS Technology and Equipment account in the amount of \$115,208; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners acknowledges that this request does not require matching funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Hope Mills is authorized to submit a formal request to David Rouzer for Fiscal Year 2027 Community Project Funding to provide safety equipment for the Hope Mills Police Department for the benefit of the Town of Hope Mills and its residents.

That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

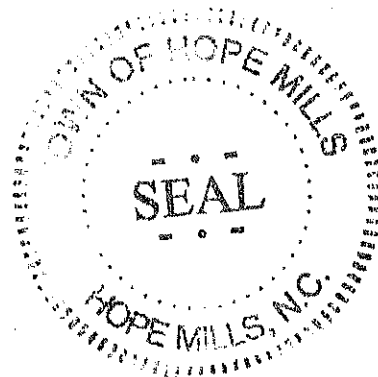
ADOPTED this 18th Day of March, 2026


JESSIE BELLFLOWERS MAYOR

ATTEST:



Ashley Wyatt, Town Clerk



Email: shawnoconnor@ccs.k12.nc.us

March 11, 2026

The Honorable David Rouzer
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Rouzer,

I am writing to express my support for the Town of Hope Mills' Fiscal Year 2027 Community Project Funding request under the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies appropriations account for the COPS Technology and Equipment Program. The request seeks funding to provide Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) and updated body armor for officers of the Hope Mills Police Department, including those who serve as School Resource Officers in our schools.

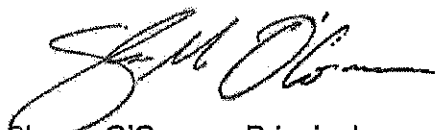
As a middle school principal, student safety is my highest priority. Our students are at an age where a structured and secure learning environment is essential. School Resource Officers play an important role in maintaining that environment by responding to safety concerns and building positive relationships with students.

Providing officers with Mobile Data Terminals will strengthen their ability to access information quickly and coordinate with other law enforcement personnel when necessary. Updated body armor is also a critical investment in officer safety, ensuring that those who protect our schools have the equipment needed to carry out their duties safely.

The Hope Mills Police Department has been a valued partner in supporting a safe and positive school climate. I respectfully encourage your support for this request so that officers serving our schools have the tools necessary to continue protecting our students, teachers, and families.

Thank you for your continued commitment to public safety and to the communities you represent.

Sincerely,



Shawn O'Connor, Principal
Southview Middle School
Hope Mills, North Carolina

Email: amymcdowell@ccs.k12.nc.us

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Amy McDowell, Principal
Cumberland Mills Elementary School
Hope Mills, North Carolina

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Meshonda Williams". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Meshonda Williams, Principal
Baldwin Elementary School
Hope Mills, North Carolina

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Rockfish Elementary School
Lisa Ann Crawford, Principal
Amber Gavin, Asst Principal
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As an elementary school principal, the safety and well-being of our youngest students is a top priority. Families entrust our school with the care and education of their children each day, and maintaining a safe learning environment is essential. School Resource Officers play an important role in helping ensure that students, teachers, and staff feel secure while at school, while also serving as positive role models for our students.

Providing officers with Mobile Data Terminals will enhance their ability to access information quickly and coordinate with other first responders when necessary. In addition, updated body armor is a critical investment in officer safety, ensuring that those who protect our schools have the appropriate protective equipment to perform their duties effectively.

The partnership between our schools and the Hope Mills Police Department is vital to maintaining a safe and supportive educational environment. I respectfully encourage your support for this request so that officers serving our community and schools have the equipment needed to continue protecting the students, families, and educators of Hope Mills.

Thank you for your continued commitment to public safety and to the communities you represent.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Lisa Ann Crawford".

Lisa Crawford, Principal
Rockfish Elementary School
Hope Mills, North Carolina

