

COPS grant awarded to Ft. Yukon

The City of Fort Yukon was selected by the Department of Justice to receive one of their COPS-FAST grants. The Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant is designed to help law enforcement agencies across the country increase the size of their force and expand community policing in the areas they serve.

The City of Fort Yukon is the

regional hub for villages in the Yukon Flats and is actively developing a strong economic base and regional growth. Ed Cook, city manager, regards the grant as an opportunity to meet a real need for Fort Yukon citizens, tourists and the regional visitors they have.

"The Justice Department realized the significant opportunities for change by providing Fort

Yukon these funds," said Cook.

Chief of Police Louie Fairchild, is recruiting for the positions that will be made available from this program. Chief Fairchild, a long time interior police officer, sees serving an interior area as requiring a unique combination of talents and skills. The city has been in contact with several organizations, including