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AGENDA BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Special Board Meeting Tuesday, September 27, 2022

Commissioners' Hearing Room, Benton County Administration Building
7122 W. Okanogan Place, 3rd Floor, #E303
Kennewick, WA

1:30 PM Public Safety Sales Tax

- 2023/2024 Round 2 - New Budget Requests & Rollover Presentations and Discussion

Special board meeting being held at the Kennewick Administration Building due to agenda item being of a unique concern to area citizens and departments

COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA ACTION SHEET

Meeting Date:	September 27, 2022 – Special Meeting
Subject:	Public Safety Sales Tax Presentations – Round 2
Presenter:	Various
Prepared By:	Shyanne Palmus, Communications Coordinator
Reviewed By:	
PA Review, Approval to Form:	☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A <i>(If no, include reasoning for no approval)</i>
Type of Agenda Item:	Type of Action Needed: <i>(Multiple boxes can be checked, if necessary)</i>
☐ Consent Agenda ☐ Public Hearing ☒ Scheduled Business	☒ Discussion Only ☐ Decision / Direction ☐ Sign Letter / Document ☐ Pass Motion ☐ Pass Resolution ☐ Pass Ordinance ☐ Execute Contract

Summary / Background Information

On August 9, 2022, the Board of Commissioners gave staff direction to open a second round of funding available through the Public Safety Sales Tax, to receive additional requests and reconsider previously submitted requests that were partially funded or unfunded. The Request for Proposals for Round 2 was opened August 9 and closed August 31, 2022.

Today's presentations reflect only the new requests, and do not include requests that were previously presented to the Board. However, any requests that were partially funded or unfunded were automatically included for consideration for funding in Round 2.

No Board direction or decisions will be made during this special meeting – it serves only as an opportunity to present funding requests to the Board and answer any questions they may have.

Fiscal Impact

To be determined, from the Public Safety Sales Tax Fund in 2023-2024 biennial budget.

Recommendation

N/A

Suggested Motion

N/A

2023-2024 Public Safety Sales Tax RFP - Round 2

NEW REQUESTS & ROLLOVERS - RECEIVED AUGUST 31, 2022

INTERNAL DEPARTMENT REQUESTS

Department	Description	Request	New or Rollover?
Capital / Corrections / Sheriff	Rattlesnake Mtn Shooting Facility - Law Enforcement Range	\$ 700,000.00	New
	Rattlesnake Mtn Shooting Facility - Training Center (Building)	\$ 700,000.00	New
Coroner	Forensic Pathologist	\$ 834,000.00	Rollover (revised)
District Court	Bailiff Services	\$ 100,800.00	New
Office of Public Defense	Public Defense Services	\$ 840,406.00	New
Planning - Code Enforcement	Code Enforcement Officer	\$ 183,032.00	New
Prosecutor	Victim Witness Coordinator	\$ 192,703.00	Rollover
	Support Counseling	\$ 40,000.00	Rollover
	Supplies	\$ 15,000.00	Rollover
	Training	\$ 11,000.00	Rollover
	Recruitment Bonuses	\$ 50,000.00	Rollover
	Deputy Prosecuting Attorney	\$ 315,858.00	New
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	Legal Secretary V	\$ 142,350.00	New
	Additional Redaction Software	\$ 11,844.00	New
	3 Laptops, Monitors, Docking Stations	\$ 12,000.00	New
	2 Laptops	\$ 799.98	New
Sheriff	Accreditation Manager	\$ 195,927.86	New
	Blue Team and IA/Pro programs	\$ 23,600.00	New
	Computer Forensics Lab	\$ 200,000.00	New
	Flock Automated License Plate Readers	\$ 80,250.00	New
	Mobile Police Radio Replacement	\$ 135,000.00	New
	PIT Bumpers for Vehicles	\$ 17,000.00	New
	Lexus-Nexus Online Reporting Software	\$ 54,000.00	New
	Bomb Squad X-Ray System	\$ 32,035.00	New
	Training	\$ 100,000.00	Rollover (revised)
	6 UAV Drones	\$ 26,000.00	Rollover
	SWAT Vehicle Vault Boxes	\$ 25,000.00	Rollover
	Crime Scene Evidence Vehicle	\$ 325,000.00	Rollover
Superior Court	Adult Drug Court Case Manager	\$ 112,609.00	New
	Adult Drug Court Electronic Home Monitoring Devices	\$ 17,858.00	New
	Adult Drug Court Urinalysis Testing Supplies	\$ 8,572.00	New
	Minor Guardianship Case Manager	\$ 96,305.64	New
	Bailiff	\$ 90,376.65	Rollover
		\$ 6,005,185.13	

EXTERNAL GANG & CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM REQUESTS

Organization	Description	Request	New or Rollover?
Boys & Girls Club	Kennewick Clubhouse	\$ 25,000.00	Rollover
Communities in Schools	Wrap Around Services (Site Coordinators)	\$ 700,000.00	Rollover
Benton Franklin Health District	Nurse Family Partnership	\$ 54,753.00	Rollover
United Way	Middle School Mentoring Program (AmeriCorps)	\$ 235,000.00	Rollover
		\$ 1,014,753.00	

\$ 7,019,938.13

2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

Department / Office:	Capital / Corrections / BCSO		
Request Description:	Rattlesnake Mtn Shooting Facility - Law Enforcement Range		
Funding Request Amount:	\$700,000		
Is your request a one-time funding request, or an on-going funding request (i.e. positions)?			
☒	One-Time Request	☐	On-Going Request
Executive summary of your request:			
We are seeking funding for the construction of a new Law Enforcement Shooting Range located at the Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility, which will accompany the planned Training Center. The new range will be located northeast of the existing Rose Iris Range, and will be designated specifically for the Benton County Department of Corrections and the Benton County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement firearms and shooting proficiency training.			
Purpose and need for the request. How does the request seek to address public safety issues?			
The new shooting range will allow both the Department of Corrections and the Sheriff's Office the opportunity to practice and train at a designated law enforcement range. They are currently using an unofficial range, through a volunteer agreement with a private property owner, and are not allowed access in the summer months due to fire danger. The current range is smaller and limits training opportunities to smaller groups, increasing the challenges in scheduling and access. The new range will be available for training year-round, and is much wider and will accommodate up to 20 shooting stations. This allows for larger groups, reducing scheduling challenges facilitating more consistent training. The range will also be constructed with lights, allowing for night operations and applicable training. The range will be separated from the existing facilities at Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility by a fence and will have a separate card access gate, accessed from SR225. This will ensure the range is available when needed for law enforcement training. The range is designed to accommodate several different shooting situations. Targets can be set up for 0–25-yard pistol shooting and 25-, 50-, 75- and 100-yard concrete sight stands allow for various rifle training scenarios. The design offers locations for Conex storage containers for storage of materials on-site. This will allow for more time to focus on the training instead of moving target materials to and from the range. Ultimately, the new range will provide more training opportunities, creating a more consistent year-round training program to ensure shooting proficiency for both departments.			

2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

Detailed request description, including intended outcomes and evidence-based examples of how public safety would be improved.

Both the Department of Corrections and the Sheriff's office have specific training requirements pertaining to firearms and shooting proficiency.

A designated shooting facility will allow for the required types of training to be scheduled throughout the entire year. The addition of lighting will allow the range to be used all hours of the day, facilitating more flexibility when scheduling training, specifically in the winter months.

The three-sided structure (144'x15') at the firing line will accommodate 20 shooting stations, allowing for larger groups to participate in training at the same time.

The new shooting facility will be available year-round to the Department of Corrections and the Sheriff's office, resulting in more opportunity to train with larger groups to ensure a more consistent training program, proficiency with firearms, and shooting requirements.

Consistent training and practice in firearms proficiency and shooting requirements allows our officers to better protect themselves and the community.

2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

Existing and/or previous funding recipients – Provide a summary of completed work and its benefit to the public safety of our community, impacts to participants, and whether you met the intended goals of your funding.

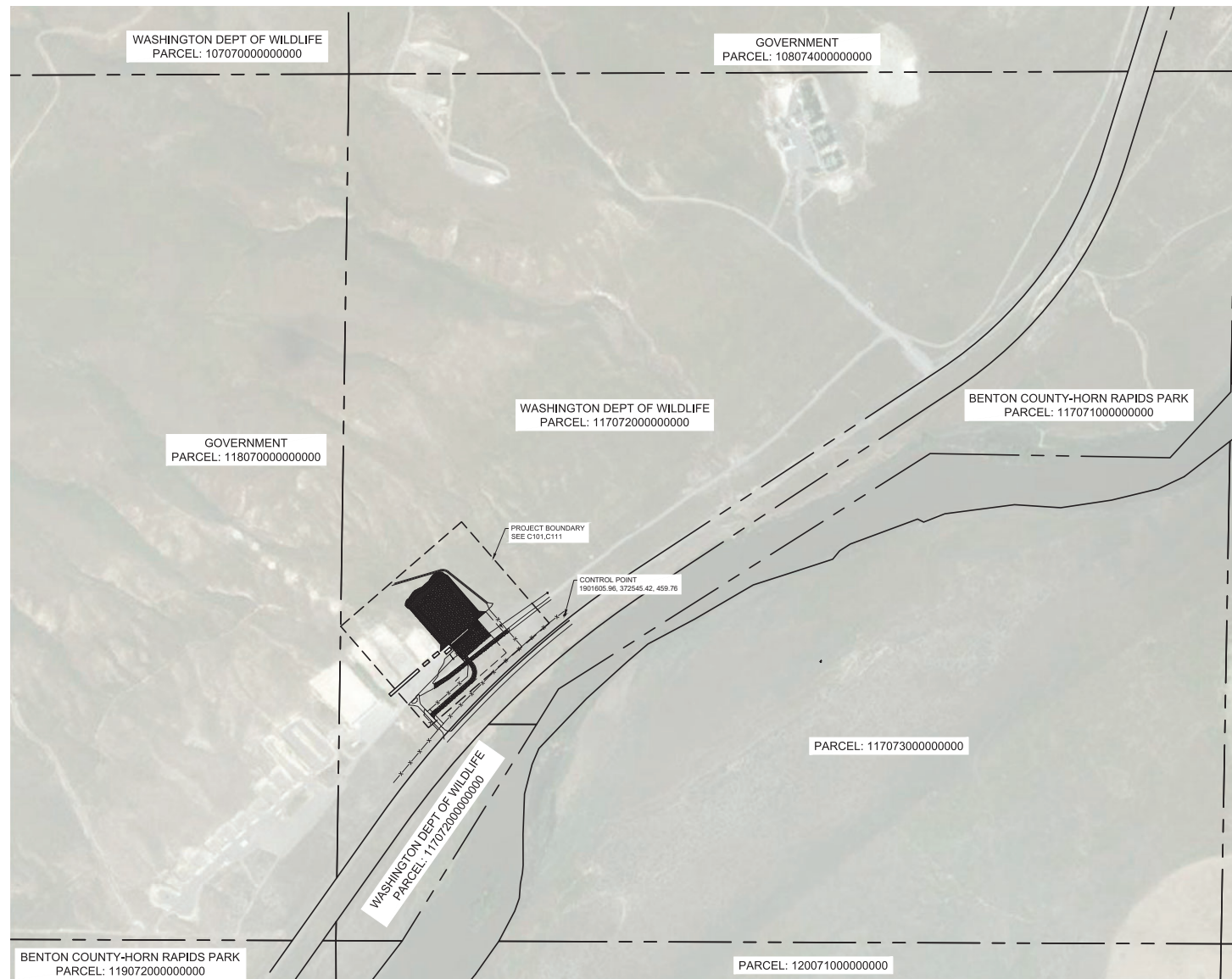
No existing and/or previous funding received.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO INCLUDE WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

1. Provide a detailed, 2-year budget (2023-2024) for your program or project, including any leveraging funds to be received from other sources.

Benton County
Shooting Range Expansion Project
CB22-06

Benton County Shooting Range Expansion 93315 N. WA-225 Benton City, WA 99320		Engineers Estimate	Game, Inc.
Base Contract Amount:		\$670,000.00	\$482,190.00
Additive Cost:	Stadium lighting design & installation: including breakers, controls, conduit, conductors, bases, poles & Fixtures	\$130,000.00	\$108,000.00
Total (Base and Additive Cost:		\$800,000.00	\$590,190.00
		Contingency (10%)	\$59,019.00
		Tax (8.1%)	\$52,585.93
		Total	\$701,794.93

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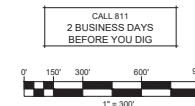
APPROVAL		
DRAWN	FJM	10/30/2
DESIGN	FJM	10/30/2
CHECKED	JMW	10/30/2
APPROVED	JMW	10/30/2

SHOOTING RANGE EXPANSION

DWG. NO.	
C100	
SCALE: NOTED	
ISSUE DATE: 10/30/2013	
JOB No.	RS
8614	/

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1. PROPERTY LINES SHOWN APPROXIMATE
(FOR REFERENCE ONLY)





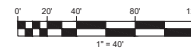
KEY NOTES

- ⑦ 4" THICK LOOSELY SPREAD CRUSHED SURFACING TOP COURSE PER WSDOT 9-03.9(3).
- ⑧ 3'-6" TALL 3-STRAND WIRE FENCE.
- ⑨ 14" WIDE BY 3'-6" TALL STEEL SWING GATE WITH PADLOCKABLE LATCH.
- ⑩ 4" THICK COMPACTED CRUSHED SURFACING TOP COURSE PER WSDOT 9-03.9(3).
- ⑪ PAINT YELLOW 4" WIDE PARKING STRIPING, LETTERING AND ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES PER ADA REQUIREMENTS AS SHOWN ON PLAN.
- ⑫ ADA SIGN PER DETAIL 1/C101
- ⑬ CONCRETE WHEEL STOP PER DETAIL 2/C101
- ⑭ 14" WIDE BY 3'-6" TALL STEEL SWING GATE WITH ELECTRONIC ACCESS LATCH
- ⑮ 2" THICK LOOSELY SPREAD CRUSHED SURFACING TOP COURSE PER WSDOT 9-03.9(3).
- ⑯ CONCRETE PAD FOR (2) OWNER PROVIDED 40' STORAGE TRAILERS. SEE STRUCTURAL.

NOTES

1. SEE SHEET **C001** FOR GENERAL NOTES AND LEGEND.
2. REFERENCE STRUCTURAL DRAWING FOR CONCRETE WORK.
3. ALL SOIL SURFACES DISTURBED BY CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES, NOT FINISHED WITH CONCRETE OR GRAVEL, SHALL BE COVERED WITH NATIVE GRASS HYDRO SEED

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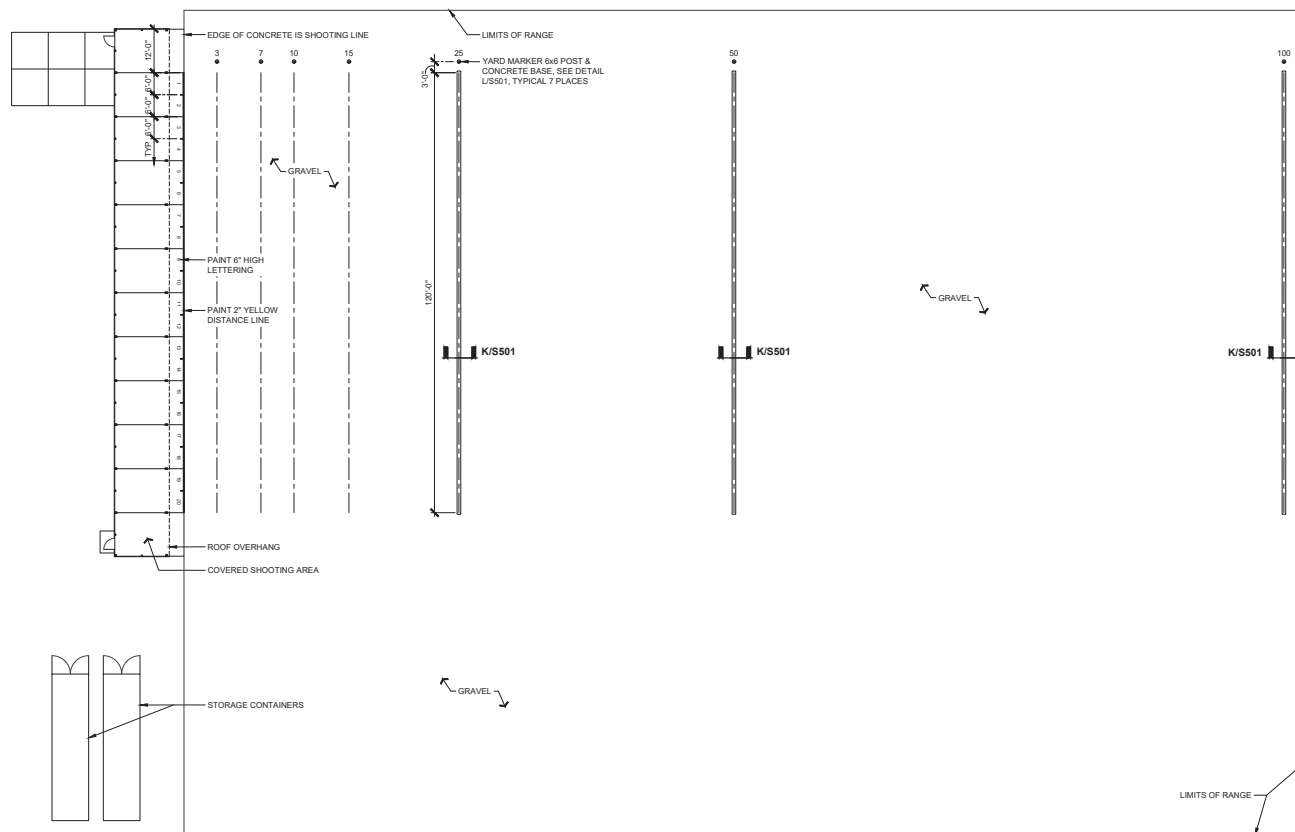
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AWN	FJM	10/30/2020
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APPROVED	JMW	10/30/2020

BENTON COUNTY
SHOOTING RANGE EXPANSION
93315 N, WA-225, BENTON CITY, WA 99320
SITE PLAN

DWG. NO.	
C101	
SCALE:	NOTED
ISSUE DATE: 10/30/2020	
JOB No.	REV.
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6799 REGISTERED ARCHITECT
DOUGLAS R. EADIE
STATE OF WASHINGTON

APPROVAL		
DRAWN	EJM	10-30-2022
DESIGN	DRE	10-30-2022
CHECKED	DRE	10-30-2022
APPROVED	GDF	10-30-2022

BENTON COUNTY
SHOOTING RANGE EXPANSION
93315 N. WA-225, BENTON CITY, WA 98320
GENERAL ARRANGEMENT PLAN

DWG. NO.
A100
SCALE: AS INDICATED
ISSUE DATE: 10/30/2020
JOB No. **8614** REV.

2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

Department / Office:	Capital Projects / BCSO / Corrections		
Request Description:	Rattlesnake Mtn Shooting Facility - Training Center		
Funding Request Amount:	\$700,000		
Is your request a one-time funding request, or an on-going funding request (i.e. positions)?			
☒	One-Time Request	☐	On-Going Request
Executive summary of your request:			
We are seeking funding for the design and construction of a new Training Facility located at the Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Range. The goal is to provide an estimated 1,600SF structure that serves as a open training room with a restroom and small kitchenette to ensure maximum efficiencies of ongoing education for the Department of Corrections and the Sheriff's Office.			
Purpose and need for the request. How does the request seek to address public safety issues?			
The intent for construction of a Training Center for the Department of Corrections and the Sheriff's Office, along with the new Shooting Facility that is currently being constructed, is to centralize and streamline both classroom and in-field training. This project will ensure that materials reviewed in a classroom setting can be executed in the field, by means of a connected sidewalk in lieu of a 40-minute drive. Maximizing the efficiencies of ongoing education will in return maximize the effectiveness of the materials being taught, which will directly impact the the public's safety in its entirety.			

2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

Detailed request description, including intended outcomes and evidence-based examples of how public safety would be improved.

The construction of a training facility seeks to create a centralized and complete training facility to accompany the new Shooting Facility currently being constructed at Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility for the Department of Corrections and the Sheriff's Office.

Current workflows would require the review of classroom materials to be performed at the Justice Center, with a 40 minute commute to the Shooting Facility to execute the materials being taught in a field setting.

With construction of an on-site Training Center, we can increase efficiency for the ongoing education for the law enforcement staff. The inclusion of restrooms and a kitchenette within the Training Center will allow the facility to accommodate staff for an extended period of time, therefore maximizing the ability for ongoing education.

A Training Center will directly impact public safety by improving the efficiency and effectiveness of ongoing education for law enforcement staff, ensuring that staff are being provided the resources they need to protect both themselves and the general public to the fullest extent while performing their duties.

This facility will provide the capacity to perform several forms of training and ongoing education, which will continue to positively impact the public in the future.

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No existing and/or previous funding received.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO INCLUDE WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

1. Provide a detailed, 2-year budget (2023-2024) for your program or project, including any leveraging funds to be received from other sources.

Shooting Range - Training Center Budget

Building SF 50'x32' (1,600 SF)		
Training	1232	SF
RR A	48	SF
RR B	0	SF
Kitchenett	160	SF
Entry	96	SF
Storage	0	SF
Mechanical	64	SF
Total	1600	SF

Sequence	Building MTL	Estimate
1	FDN / Slab	\$ 25,000.00
2	Framing	\$ 90,000.00
3	Insulation	\$ 12,000.00
4	Drywall	\$ 18,000.00
5	Storefront/Glazing	\$ 25,000.00
6	Paint	\$ 8,000.00
7	Casework	\$ 8,000.00
8	Flooring; CPT/LVT	\$ 12,000.00
9	ACT Ceiling	\$ 8,000.00
10	Toilet Acc.	\$ 2,500.00
11	Appliances	\$ 5,000.00
12	Furniture	\$ 12,000.00
13	WRB	\$ 10,000.00
14	Metal Roof/Siding	\$ 48,000.00
	Total	\$ 283,500.00

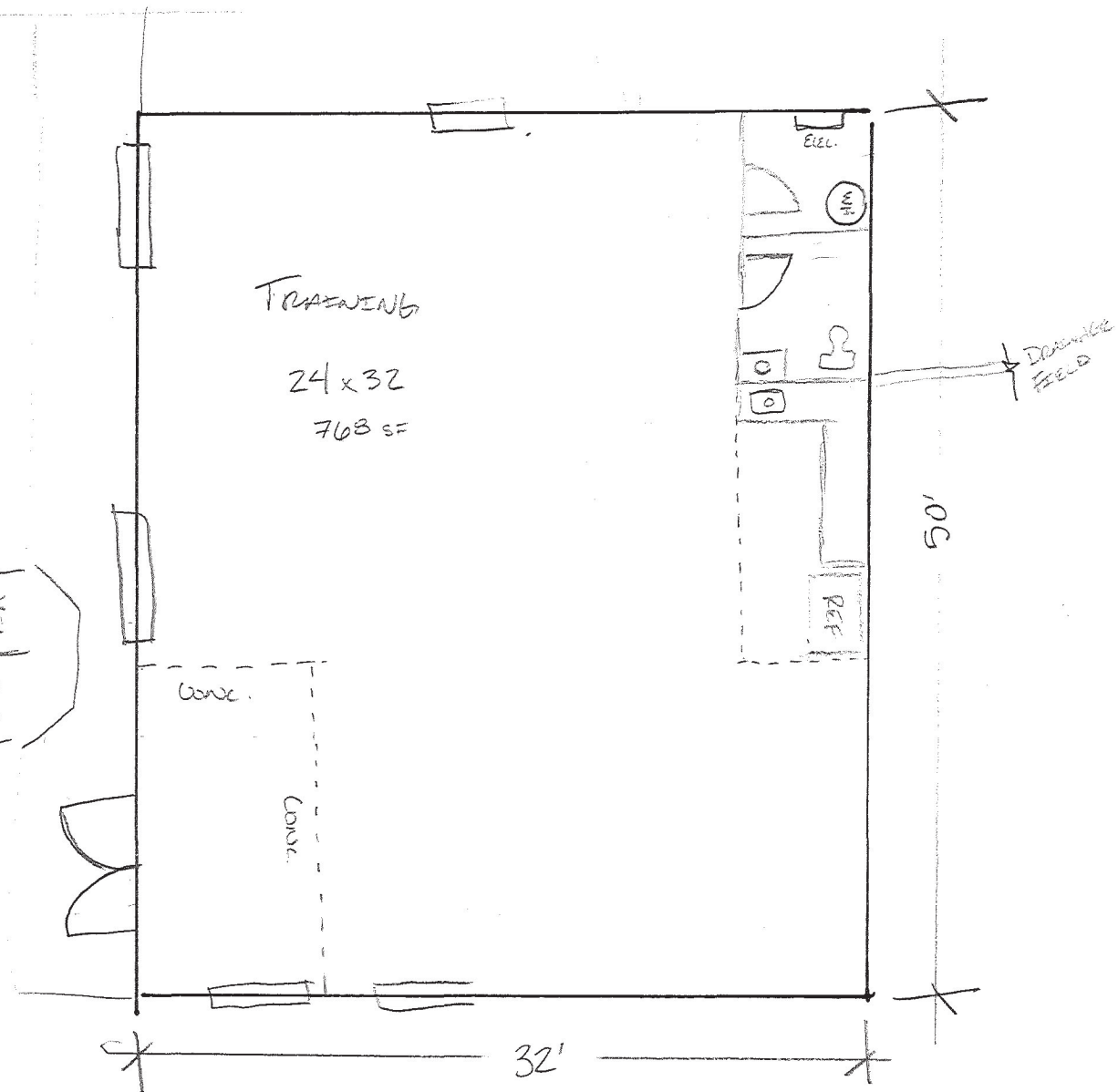
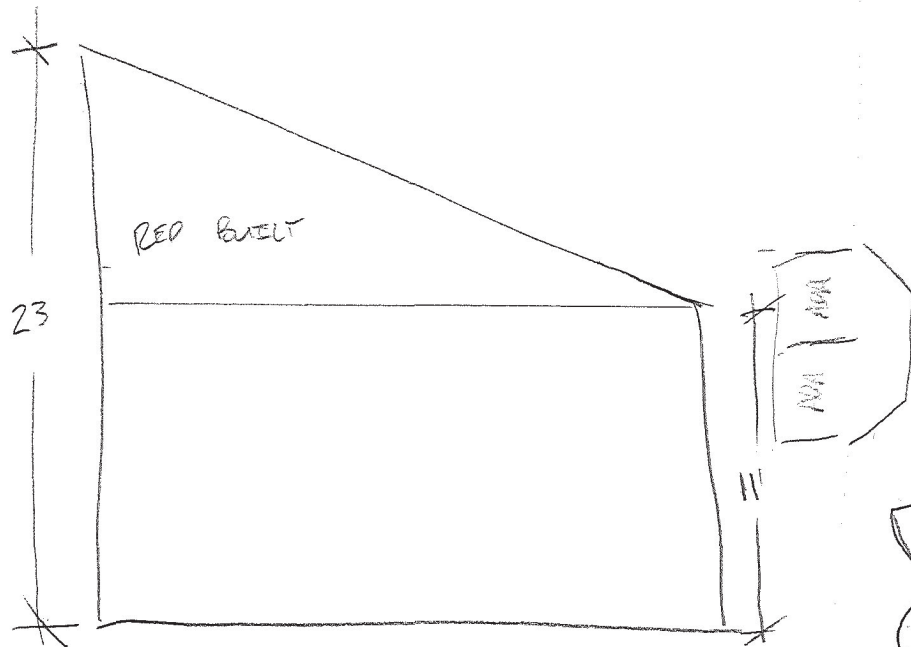
Grand Total	\$ 681,270.00
Price per SF	\$ 425.79

MEP	Estimate
Mechanical	\$ 30,000.00
Plumbing	\$ 18,000.00
Electrical	\$ 40,000.00
AV	\$ 12,000.00
Access Control	\$ 10,000.00
Network	\$ 10,000.00
Security	\$ 20,000.00
Total	\$ 140,000.00

Civil	Estimate
Utilities	\$ 500.00
BLDG Footprint	\$ 15,000.00
Well	\$ 30,000.00
Drain Field	\$ 20,000.00
Sidewalk	\$ 5,000.00
Concrete ADA Parking	\$ 8,000.00
Survey	\$ 4,000.00
Testing	\$ 5,000.00
Landscaping	\$ -
Total	\$ 87,500.00

General Conditions	Estimate
GC Profit	\$ 35,770.00
GC General Cond.	\$ 52,000.00
Permit	\$ 2,500.00
A/E Services	\$ 80,000.00
Total	\$ 170,270.00

RANGE



2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

Department / Office:	Coroner's Office		
Request Description:	Forensic Pathologist Salary		
Funding Request Amount:	\$834,000		
Is your request a one-time funding request, or an on-going funding request (i.e. positions)?			
☐	One-Time Request	☒	On-Going Request
Executive summary of your request:			
These funds will be used to cover the cost of hiring a full-time Board Certified Forensic Pathologist and support staff to provide autopsies to Benton County in the current coroner's office facility. Additionally, funds will be used for one-time purchases of equipment needed to operate the facility with an in-house Board Certified Forensic Pathologist.			
Purpose and need for the request. How does the request seek to address public safety issues?			
The Benton County Coroner has determined there is a need to hire a full-time Board Certified Forensic Pathologist (BCFP). Because of population growth, an over 40% increase in death investigations in the past 36 months, and an increase in deaths due to violence there has been a need to perform more autopsies. There is a statewide shortage of BCFP who will travel to eastern Washington to perform contract autopsies, and Medical Examiner offices in the state are not accepting new contracts for autopsy services, or are cutting back on the number of contract autopsies they will perform due to staff shortages and their own increasing caseload. Hiring a full-time BCFP provides Benton County with uninterrupted autopsy services at a set cost without being dependent on other agencies. The coroner is tasked with determining the cause and manner of deaths that occur within Benton County. In most cases this can be done by an external examination, medical records review, toxicology testing and witness interviews; however, in many deaths an autopsy is required. Typically an autopsy is done when the death is a homicide, or when it involves an infant or child, or when a person is in custody or if law enforcement is involved, or when the death is a suspected drug overdose and prosecution of the supplier is likely, or when the circumstances are violent, suspicious or unknown, or when the coroner determines an autopsy is needed. Doing autopsies locally and quickly is vital to law enforcement and prosecution. An autopsy can provide information that can expedite arrests, enhance prosecution, keep suspects incarcerated, and preserve evidence. A full-time BCFP can provide immediate consultation to LE and the PA's office at no additional cost, and they can go to crime scenes and offer insights relative to likely scenarios, and the manner and means of deaths.			

2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

Detailed request description, including intended outcomes and evidence-based examples of how public safety would be improved.

I am seeking the funds to pay the salary of a full-time Board Certified Forensic Pathologist and the required support staff. By having a full-time BCFP on staff, the coroner's office will be able to provide uninterrupted autopsy services to the County in a timely manner and at a fixed cost. Additionally, a full-time BCFP on staff will save several hours of travel time and staff time which is required when using outside agencies for autopsies. Further, vehicle maintenance and fuel cost will be reduced due to less required travel.

Public safety will be improved by having near immediate results from autopsies and BCFP external examinations; this will get important information to LE much faster and aid in their investigative process. Additionally, a full-time BCFP will be available to respond to crime scenes and provide immediate interpretations of injuries to a decedent. They will be available to consult with LE and the PA's office on cases at no additional cost, testify in court without logistical issues, they can provide medical over-site to the coroner's staff, and will be available to consult with families. Autopsies in the coroner's office will allow LE, attorneys, investigators and others to observe, ask questions and gather information in real time without the cost of traveling to an out-of-the-area autopsy facility.

A full-time BCFP will be available to testify without the expense of bringing the BCFP used in an outside agency to Benton County, thus leaving funds available to fund additional tasks within the PA's office and LE agencies.

2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

Existing and/or previous funding recipients – Provide a summary of completed work and its benefit to the public safety of our community, impacts to participants, and whether you met the intended goals of your funding.

N/A

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO INCLUDE WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

1. Provide a detailed, 2-year budget (2023-2024) for your program or project, including any leveraging funds to be received from other sources.

Estimated Detailed Expenditures and Revenue – 2023-2024

Expenditures

	2023	2024	
Wages			
Forensic pathologist	\$250,000	\$255,000	
Autopsy Tech - parttime	\$ 37,000	\$ 38,000	
Insurance and benefits	\$ 48,000	\$ 51,000	
Insurance, professional	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
Sub Total	\$ 336,000	\$345,000	\$681,000

Additional Expenditures

Autopsy station	\$ 30,000		
X-ray machine	\$100,000		
Microscope	\$ 10,000		
Scales	\$ 1,000		
Tools	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
Supplies and consumables	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	
Sub Total	\$ 147,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 153,000
Total	\$ 483,000	\$ 351,000	\$ 834,000

Projected Revenues

State Autopsy Reimbursement	\$ (75,000)	\$ (76,500)	\$ (151,500)
30% BCFP Wage			

2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

Department / Office:	District Court
Request Description:	Bailiff Services
Funding Request Amount:	\$100,800
Is your request a one-time funding request, or an on-going funding request (i.e. positions)?	
☐	One-Time Request
☒	On-Going Request
Executive summary of your request:	
Benton County District Court is requesting funding for professional services to secure bailiffs for the busiest and most volatile court dockets in order to protect the public, litigants, jurors, staff and judges in the courtroom.	
Purpose and need for the request. How does the request seek to address public safety issues?	
Benton County District Court has five full time judges with no bailiff to assist the judges in maintaining order in the courtroom. On numerous occasions, the safety of all the people in the courtroom was threatened due to potentially dangerous behavior of litigants and/or viewing public. There have been many incidents when a defendant bolts out of the courtroom to avoid being incarcerated and there is no one to stop the defendant. The most recent safety issue happened in the Prosser courtroom where it took law enforcement 25 minutes to respond to a volatile situation in the courtroom.	

2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

Detailed request description, including intended outcomes and evidence-based examples of how public safety would be improved.

District Court is requesting \$100,800 for professional services. It is the intent of District Court to contract with private companies who can provide 120 hours per month of bailiff services to cover all the necessary dockets. District Court has been using the services of Tri-Cities Monitoring to provide bailiff services on an as-needed basis. The original funding source was a grant from the Administrative Offices of the Court which ended in December 2022. It is more cost effective to contract with a private company for these services because the service hours can be spread between 2 or more bailiffs covering the courtrooms on the heaviest and most volatile dockets at the Kennewick Justice Center. A bailiff will be present on court days at the Prosser Courthouse as well since there is no law enforcement in the building and the response time is significant which poses a safety concern.

The judges regularly handle very large numbers of criminal cases. Individual dockets can range to more than 100 cases per half day. With the capacity of each courtroom being limited to 50-60 people, there is a need for a bailiff to maintain order and an efficient flow of cases in order for the judge and staff to effectively perform their official duties. The presence of a bailiff also deters disruptive behavior directed towards judges, court personnel, jurors, and the general public which enables the judge to focus on the case in front of him/her.

Bailiffs are especially important during trials, as they assist the court in caring for and managing jurors, which frees up the clerks and other court personnel to complete their intended functions.

The duties of the bailiff will include:

1. Manage the flow of cases being called to ensure no person remains confined in the courtroom longer than necessary.
2. Safely and hygienically transfer paperwork between the judge, jurors, attorneys and litigants.
3. Provide security for judicial personnel, jurors, and witnesses and ensure safe behavior of all present.
4. Provide for safe jury movement and sequestration.
5. Assist with juror indoctrination, site viewing/transportation, deliberation and possible emergency evacuation.
6. Escort jurors safely throughout the trial process and serve as liaison for the Judge, jurors and counsel.
7. Sanitize the areas and equipment that may be used by the jurors, the public and court participants.

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Public Safety Tax Fund
District Court

		2023	2024	2023-2024 Requeted	
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00000.512.400.4102	Contract Services	50,400	50,400	100,800	Bailiff Services to manage courtroom congestion, order and provide security to jurors, judges, staff, attorneys & the public

2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

Department / Office:	Benton County Office of Public Defense		
Request Description:	Public Defense Services		
Funding Request Amount:	\$840,406		
Is your request a one-time funding request, or an on-going funding request (i.e. positions)?			
☒	One-Time Request	☐	On-Going Request
Executive summary of your request:			
Requested funds are intended to provide supplemental funding for one mission-critical and legally mandated aspect of OPD operations: Additional funding for defending homicide cases Given the unprecedented and unanticipated number of murder and vehicular homicide cases in 2022, we will have a backlog of homicide cases into 2023. Accordingly, given the rise in violent crime, we need to increase the funding to match the volume.			
Purpose and need for the request. How does the request seek to address public safety issues?			
Homicide representation is directly related to the defense of criminal cases against indigent defendants. These areas of operations are therefore both public safety related, and legally mandated.			

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Detailed request description, including intended outcomes and evidence-based examples of how public safety would be improved.

Criminal defendants have a constitutional right to an attorney. Homicide cases are paid hourly given the complex and time consuming nature of the representation. Ensuring adequate funding for homicide cases guarantees attorneys will be compensated for these types of cases and therefore willing to accept appointments. Given the number of murders and vehicular homicides filed in 2022, the fact that violent crime has increased, there is an immediate need for funding.

The intended outcome for this request is to ensure adequate funding to provide attorney representation when homicides are filed. This request will include funding in 2023 for cases that occurred in 2022, but did not yet resolve or have work done until the next year. This is common in homicide cases as the amount of work takes months and potentially years to complete.

Public safety is improved by ensuring the defendant's constitutional rights are protected. By contrast, in western Oregon, which is in the middle of a public defense crisis, in which there are not adequate public defenders to meet the need, defendants have filed a class-action lawsuit for not being appointed an attorney. The courts in Oregon have dismissed some criminal cases, and released others from jail for the violation of their rights. It is anticipated that those whose cases are not dismissed or released from jail amidst the crisis will appeal. It is unknown what outcome the Oregon Supreme Court will pursue on appeal, although dismissal of charges is a potential remedy for any constitutional violation. Public safety is significantly improved by ensuring what is presently occurring in Oregon never happens in Benton County.

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Existing and/or previous funding recipients – Provide a summary of completed work and its benefit to the public safety of our community, impacts to participants, and whether you met the intended goals of your funding.

The Benton County Office of Public Defense is well funded to meet the previously anticipated demand. However, 2022 has proven to be a historic year. The murder and vehicular homicide filings in Benton County for the past three years are as follows:

2020: 6
2021: 4
2022: 14*

*These numbers are current through August 15, 2022.

Because homicide cases take months to years to complete, the majority of the funding expenses for 2022 homicides will occur in 2023. Contractors submit the claims for compensation periodically, although the majority of which will be submitted at the conclusion of the case. All claims are paid out of current expense for professional services.

The requested funds are intended to supplement baseline funding, from the Current Expense and PST budgets, that are expected to be appropriated for the 2023-2024 budget cycle.

Specific amounts of the baseline funding are as follows:

Amount allocated for Superior Court Representation (from 2021-2022 budget)
Current Expense Baseline - \$477,701
PST Baseline - \$155,000

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO INCLUDE WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

1. Provide a detailed, 2-year budget (2023-2024) for your program or project, including any leveraging funds to be received from other sources.

Four recently completed Murder Cases

<u>Name</u>	<u>Cost</u>
State v. Walker	\$34,502
State v. Beasley	\$38,740
State v. Summers	\$23,584
State v. Morfin	\$33,776
<u>Average</u>	\$32,650

<u>Possible expenses in murder cases</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Hourly Rate – Attorney	\$85/hour *Needs to be raised for 2023-24
Trial Per Diem	\$400/day *Needs to be raised for 2023-24
Case management/administrative support	Varies
Hourly Rate – Investigator	\$66/hour *Needs to be raised for 2023-24

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Homicides</u>	<u>Estimated Total Cost</u>
2022	17*	\$555,050
2023	6*	\$195,900
2024	6*	\$195,900
<u>Total</u>	29	\$946,850

*Homicides can take over a year to resolve, so the majority of the billing will often be done in the following year. It's difficult to predict how much will be billed at what point in time as some cases can resolve much quicker than others.

<u>Projected 2022 Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>
Incurred (YTD)	\$41,144
Projected (estimate rest of 2022)	\$65,300

Final Total Requested: \$840,406

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Department / Office:	Community Development Department - Planning Division		
Request Description:	Code Enforcement Officer Position		
Funding Request Amount:	\$183,032.00		
Is your request a one-time funding request, or an on-going funding request (i.e. positions)?			
☐	One-Time Request	☒	On-Going Request
Executive summary of your request:			
The Benton County Planning Division is requesting funds for personnel expenses to add a second Benton County Code Enforcement Officer to aid existing public safety efforts and to expand the division's ability to respond to increasing public safety concerns across Benton County. Adding an additional Code Enforcement position will support the County in the successful prevention of crime through proactive enforcement efforts, reducing the response burden to less serious offenses by law enforcement, and enabling citizens to have increased access to an enforcement official to aid in addressing neighborhood crime and disorder problems.			
Purpose and need for the request. How does the request seek to address public safety issues?			
See attached document			

Purpose and need for the request. How does the request seek to address public safety issues?

Code enforcement is one of the most common civil prevention incentives used to address crime and disorder as it is responsible for preserving the quality and value of public and private property and maintaining a high standard of living by eliminating conditions that generate blight, harbor criminal activity, and threaten the lives, health, safety, and general welfare of the public.

Code enforcement officers do this through evaluating, educating, and enforcing local codes which can be in the form of providing information, answering questions, issuing warnings, or giving citations for code violations. Typically, the first warning is enough to leverage owners to take action. In fact, early research on the use of abatements in the 1990's found that civil suits were filed in fewer than 5 percent of abatement actions in jurisdictions that initiated warning letters to property owners.¹

Civil remedies such as code enforcement can be used against a wide variety of crimes and at different stages of the criminal process; however, they are different than many other crime prevention responses as they are often seen as a proactive approach to addressing crime. In Philadelphia Pennsylvania, the District Attorney's Office found that neglected properties which attracted drug activity and made the neighborhood unsafe and unattractive were able to use civil remedies such as housing and licensing code enforcement to effectively reduce crime.² Examples of these remedies include squatters being evicted from property or for dangerous buildings to be condemned. Civil remedies can also be used to promote general crime prevention as code enforcement efforts can induce changes to property conditions and practices that facilitate crime. Examples of this use include enforcing health and safety codes to force property owners to clean up parcels which have been used as a place for storing junk vehicles (stolen vehicles) and solid waste/garbage issues which often occurs at drug related properties.

Code enforcement helps to reduce crime in neighborhoods as the "broken window" theory³, introduced in 1982 by social scientists James Q. Wilson and George L. Kelling, points to. Their research showed that, if broken windows in a structure are not repaired, vandals are more likely to break more windows. Crime levels thus tend to be higher in areas where repairs are not accomplished. Therefore, jurisdictions who monitor and maintain properties, to prevent vandalism and further deterioration so that neighborhoods are well-maintained, experience less crime.

The Broken Windows theory and the tenets of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Control (CPTED) (the concept that the design of buildings, landscaping, and outdoor environments can either encourage or discourage crime), demonstrate the need to address disorder, blight, and low-level environmental disruption as a deterrent from larger crimes and gathering points for criminal activity. Code enforcement officers are an invaluable part of preventing those environmental disruptions from coming to fruition as they assist in keeping properties from further deterioration so that neighborhoods are well-maintained

¹ Davis and Lurigio (1998), citing Smith et al., (1992) and Lurigio et al. (1995).

² Information was provided by George G. Mosee, Jr., Deputy District Attorney and Chief of the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office Narcotics Unit, in an interview per U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance publication *Community Prosecution Strategies: Measuring Impact*, August 2003.

³ Wilson, James Q., and George L. Kelling: Broken Windows Theory (1982).

and experience less crime. For example, a 2003 study examined 36 community prosecution programs operating in the United States between 1985 and 2000 and nearly half of them used some type of nuisance abatement, eviction, or trespass program to address “quality of life” offenses, nuisances, or drug-related crimes.⁴ In Philadelphia Pennsylvania, the District Attorney’s Office found what other community prosecution efforts have also discovered, that neglected properties which attracted drug activity and made the neighborhood unsafe and unattractive were able to use civil remedies such as housing and licensing code enforcement to effectively reduce crime.⁵

Over time, operational changes in the criminal justice system have focused on shifting from a reactive to a proactive approach. Community prosecution, an approach which began in Portland in the late 1990’s, is a method to prevent and reduce crime through initiatives that range from cleaning up and maintaining property to using civil sanctions to attack nuisance crime. This method is similar to how Benton County Code Enforcement currently operates. Through engaging and partnering with community residents for better cooperation, responding proactively to complaints, increasing accountability to the public, and working in partnership with law enforcement to improve quality of life, housing, and environmental offenses. Citizen complaints to code enforcement are often problems which community members perceive to be detrimental to their sense of safety and well-being. In most instances they involve quality-of-life or low-level offenses, constituting what Taylor⁶ termed social and physical incivilities that contribute to a sense of disorder and lack of safety in particular neighborhoods.

Many 911 calls are non-emergency or law enforcement related calls and could be more effectively handled by other agencies such as code enforcement. Generally, as the number of non-emergency calls decrease, benefits to citizens increase. By engaging code enforcement with existing law enforcement efforts, a host of benefits for all partners, including elected officials, can be achieved.

Joint inspections by law and code enforcement officers are effective ways to gather information about potential code and criminal violations and leverage the respective enforcement powers of each partner. Such a partnership gains law enforcement access to property under building and zoning code violations and code enforcement officials can leverage the investigative expertise and databases of police to better address properties that are vulnerable to crime. Currently, code enforcement does this by proactively coordinating with the Sheriff’s office to declare drug houses as dangerous building to be condemned.⁷ positive transformation of persistent neighborhood issues by such a collaboration is a beneficial outcome of the joint coordination by a code and law enforcement partnership.

Civil remedies such as code enforcement used in tandem with law enforcement or criminal penalties help to reduce overall costs to taxpayers. A cost-benefit analysis of the Auburn Boulevard project in

⁴ Goldkamp et al. (2003).

⁵ Information was provided by George G. Mosee, Jr., Deputy District Attorney and Chief of the Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office Narcotics Unit, in an interview per U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance publication *Community Prosecution Strategies: Measuring Impact*, August 2003.

⁶ Taylor, Ralph B. *Breaking Away from Broken Windows: Baltimore Neighborhoods and the National Fight Against Crime, Grime, Fear, and Decline*. Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 2000.

⁷ Email from Sergeant Louis Lorenz (August 17, 2022).

Sacramento, CA, found that the efforts of a multi-agency Nuisance Response Team increased tax revenues and reduced criminal justice costs to county agencies over an 11-year study period. Tax revenues from property values, sales tax receipts and hotel tax receipts all went up as problem properties were rehabilitated and the area became more attractive to investors, renters and tourists. At the same time, overall crime on Auburn Boulevard decreased by 32%, while increasing by 39% on a nearby street which researchers used as a control area.⁸

Not only does code enforcement have financial benefits to the County, but it can also lessen the work load burden on law enforcement officers. As no single agency can solve complex social and criminal problems alone, increasing the ability to address potential criminal areas through code enforcement in partnership with law enforcement would lessen the burden on law enforcement by minimizing or even avoiding numerous repeated calls for service at nuisance properties.⁹ By cleaning up problem properties in a timely manner, there would be a decrease of calls for both quality of life and property issues as well further criminal calls for the property. In Benton County, after working through the code enforcement process, 75% of properties with transient squatters do not have reoccurring violations. By lessening the volume of calls and need for revolving-door policing at frequent problem properties, law enforcement officers would have more time to respond to more serious criminal offenses.

Understaffing Code Enforcement can lead to more calls of a less serious nature being handled by the Sherriff's office and enables problem or nuisance properties to persist for a longer duration which typically encourages or harbors greater criminal activity. Currently Benton County employs one Code Enforcement Officer who is responsible for responding to all complaints and concerns of its 36,556 unincorporated residents over an area which spans 1,226 square miles (excluding the Hanford site and incorporated cities). For perspective, Yakima County has an unincorporated population of 88,147 and employs up to five code enforcement staff (equating to 17,629 residents per CE officer), Grant County with an unincorporated population of 44,987 has three code enforcement staff (equating to 14,996 residents per CE officer), and Kittitas County with an unincorporated population of 20,567, has two code enforcement staff (equating to 10,284 residents per CE officer).

By fulfilling a second code enforcement position, Benton County will be able to proactively address a larger number of properties which have the potential to amplify criminal activity such as transient encampments, homeless tent camps, abandoned/dangerous buildings, and illegal marijuana operations in a timelier manner.

⁸ Norris, Hilary for MetLife Foundation, Leveraging Code Enforcement for Neighborhood Safety, (2017).

⁹ Email from Sergeant Louis Lorenz (August 17, 2022).

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Detailed request description, including intended outcomes and evidence-based examples of how public safety would be improved.

The Planning Division is requesting a total of \$121,809.00 for one additional Code Enforcement Officer's salary and related expenses (see detailed salary and expenses breakdown attached).

Intended outcomes include the ability to respond and investigate requests in a timelier manner. Currently, the individual Code Enforcement Officer is only able to respond to complaints and conduct a preliminary inspection anywhere from a few days to one week (remote areas such as Plymouth/Paterson often take longer to respond as there is a much larger distance to cover) and during busy times there may even be a backlog of complaints needing attention. By having additional personnel, time to respond and inspections would be reduced by several days. With two officers, there would also be improved coverage of the County, including remote communities, as the work can be split into geographical sections allowing each officer to cover more territory each day/week.

On average, it takes of 3-6 months to complete a code enforcement case. With a second officer, the timeframe to complete a case could be reduced by as much as one month as an additional officer would mean greater efficiency and would provide more time for each officer to complete on-going compliance checks and ensuring the properties remain in compliance and violation free.

Code enforcement officers spend much of their time working directly with citizens to address disorder problems. This outreach allows for the effective use and sharing of crime information as code enforcement's work increases the trust and capacity of the local community to act as informal and formal agents of crime prevention. The local community is often the first party to notice the crime problem and the best source of information about the patterns associated with it. As such, having a larger code enforcement presence in the community would allow for the increased flow of information regarding potential criminal activity throughout the County which would aid both code and law enforcement to actively work towards reducing problem properties.

Many property owners that code enforcement has contact with are known to the justice system and often have a history of either drug use or mental illness. As such, up to 25% of current code enforcement cases involve a Sheriff deputy's presence. With added staffing, code enforcement will be able to be more proactive in addressing complaints and violations before they become serious problem properties which require law enforcement assistance. Additionally, two code enforcement officers will be more available to partner and assist the Sheriff's office with abating neighborhood crime and disorder problems.

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Existing and/or previous funding recipients – Provide a summary of completed work and its benefit to the public safety of our community, impacts to participants, and whether you met the intended goals of your funding.

N/A

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO INCLUDE WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

1. Provide a detailed, 2-year budget (2023-2024) for your program or project, including any leveraging funds to be received from other sources.

Michelle Cooke

From: Dale Wilson
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 10:32 AM
To: Michelle Cooke
Subject: FW: Code Enforcement



Dale Wilson, Code Enforcement Officer
Benton County Washington
(509) 222-2301

From: Louis Lorenz <Louis.Lorenz@co.benton.wa.us>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 10:20 AM
To: Dale Wilson <Dale.Wilson@co.benton.wa.us>; Scott Surplus <Scott.Surplus@co.benton.wa.us>
Subject: RE: Code Enforcement

Dale,

The one that comes to mind is ensuring our deputies are notifying you when we have drug addicts living in RV's throughout the county. Once one moves in, there always seems to be more that follow. By ensuring they aren't allowed to live/squat on property we avoid numerous calls for service, usually involving assaults or other violent crime.

If you think you are dealing with wanted subjects or otherwise, we are happy to send a deputy to assist while your out conducting enforcement action.

Condemning drug houses... Chapter 64.44 RCW, When he have reason to believe houses are being used as "trap" houses where people are constantly using or manufacturing methamphetamine, we could work together for obtaining warrants to test the inside of the property then declaring it unfit and prohibiting use.

There is case law that a county/city can be found civilly liable when it knows or believes a property to have been contaminated with narcotics and fails to declare it unfit. [november-2020-led---website.pdf \(wa.gov\)](#) page 6.

If I can think of anything else I will reach out.



SERGEANT LOUIS LORENZ

PATROL DIVISION
TRI-CITY REGIONAL SWAT

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Kennewick, Washington 99336
509-735-6555

From: Dale Wilson <Dale.Wilson@co.benton.wa.us>

Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 10:24

To: Scott Surplus <Scott.Surplus@co.benton.wa.us>; Louis Lorenz <Louis.Lorenz@co.benton.wa.us>

Subject: Code Enforcement

My boss is looking at some ways that Code Enforcement helps or assists with law enforcement. I was hoping you all could provide some insight on things that Code Enforcement does to assist your department and possibly lower some crime issues.

Any feedback would be great.



Dale Wilson, Code Enforcement Officer
Benton County Washington
(509) 222-2301

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER I
Grade 13A**

2023 Salary Budget

1 st 6-month Salary	\$4,651
Step Increase Salary	\$4,744
Total Salary	\$56,370
Total Salary w/ COLA	\$58,061

<i>Insurance</i>	
FICA	\$4,312
Med Ins	\$13,435
VEBA	\$3,600
Total Insurance	\$21,347

<i>Retirement_Leave</i>	
PERS	\$6,033
Accum	\$1,016
PFL	\$93
Total Retire_Leave	\$7,049

2023 SALARY TOTAL	\$86,550
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Total Position Costs

2023 Salary Budget	\$86,550
2024 Salary Budget	\$88,467
New Position Expenses	\$8,015

GRAND TOTAL	\$183,032
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2024 Salary Budget

1 st 6-month Salary	\$4,744
Step Increase Salary	\$4,910
Total Salary	\$57,924
Total Salary w/ COLA	\$59,662

<i>Insurance</i>	
FICA	\$4,431
Med Ins	\$13,435
VEBA	\$3,600
Total Insurance	\$21,466

<i>Retirement_Leave</i>	
PERS	\$6,199
Accum	\$1,044
PFL	\$96
Total Retire_Leave	\$7,243

2024 SALARY TOTAL	\$88,467
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New Code Enforcement Expenses

**All prices are approximate*

Laptop <i>(one time cost)</i>	\$3,500.00
Docking Station <i>(one time cost)</i>	\$400.00
Monitors <i>(one time cost)</i>	\$500.00

Batteries for existing radio x2 <i>(one time cost)</i>	\$200.00
Radio usage fee (2 yrs) to Richland <i>(reoccurring cost)</i>	\$1,303.00
Radio system upgrade fee <i>(reoccurring cost)</i>	\$487.00
Programming of radio <i>(one time cost)</i>	\$75.00

Uniform (5 shirts; 1 jacket) <i>(one time cost)</i>	\$200.00
Vest <i>(one time cost)</i>	\$1,000.00
Belt <i>(one time cost)</i>	\$120.00
Vest accessories <i>(one time cost)</i>	\$230.00

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$8,015.00
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Current Expense Planning

2023

		Pos#	Salary	# Mo	Salary	#Mo	Total	w/ COLA	FICA	Med. Ins.	VEBA	Total Ins.	PERS	Accum.
NEW POSITION	Code Enforcement Officer I	1FTE	\$ 4,651	6	\$ 4,744	6	\$ 56,370	\$ 58,061	\$ 4,312	\$ 13,435	\$ 3,600	\$ 17,035	\$ 6,033	\$ 1,016
	Grade 13A													
			0				\$ 56,370	\$ 58,061	\$ 4,312	\$ 13,435	\$ 3,600	\$ 17,035	\$ 6,033	\$ 1,016

2024

													2023-2024 Combined Salary
Salary	# Mo	Salary	#Mo	Total	w/ COLA	FICA	Med. Ins.	VEBA	Total Ins.	PERS	Accum.		
\$ 4,744	6	\$ 4,910	6	\$ 57,924	\$ 59,661.72	\$ 4,431	\$ 13,435	\$ 3,600	\$ 17,035	\$ 6,199	\$ 1,044	\$	\$ 114,294
Totals				\$ 57,924	\$ 59,662	\$ 4,431	\$ 13,435	\$ 3,600	\$ 17,035	\$ 6,199	\$ 1,044	\$	\$ 114,294

*FICA \$8,743.00
*Med. \$ 34,070
*Retire. \$ 12,231.40
Accum. \$ 2,060
PFL \$ 184

*Total
Benefits \$ 57,288

New Code Enforcement Expenses

*All prices are approximate

Laptop (one time cost)	\$3,500.00
Docking Station (one time cost)	\$400.00
Monitors (one time cost)	\$500.00
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TOTAL	\$8,015.00

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Department / Office:	Prosecuting Attorney
Request Description:	Request for PSST funding to help Prosecuting Attorney
Funding Request Amount:	\$344,879.00
Is your request a one-time funding request, or an on-going funding request (i.e. positions)?	
☐ One-Time Request	☒ On-Going Request
Executive summary of your request:	
VW Coordinator Position - \$192,703.00 Support Counseling - \$40,000.00 Supplies - \$25,000.00 Training - \$11,000.00 Recruitment Bonuses - \$50,000.00 Technology: Evidence.com - 4 licenses @ \$468 per license for a total of \$1872 Access to Odyssey for Franklin County - For 7-10 staff \$2400.00 for biennium Adobe Pro - Next level with audio/video redacting capability - \$6400.00 Software for storing Kids Haven videos/interviews - \$15,504.00	
Purpose and need for the request. How does the request seek to address public safety issues?	
VW Coordinator Position - Due to the increase in major and serious violent crimes against persons in our community and needing to be prosecuted, the correlating need for support services for victims and witnesses has also increased. This additional victim/witness position would work closely with deputy prosecuting attorneys handling serious felony and violent crimes by providing support services to victims and witnesses of said crimes. Additionally, trials have begun to commence again in the county, and this position would also provide assistance to the victims/witnesses and attorneys through the trial process. Support Counseling - We have numerous attorneys in our office whose caseload is comprised of the prosecution of sex abuse and/or physical abuse of children. This type of work has been shown to impact the emotional wellbeing of persons handling such cases. Based upon studies of said impact, law enforcement agencies have been routinely offering counseling services to aid their officers in dealing with the affects these types of cases have on their lives and the lives of their family members. In that same vein, we would like to offer counseling services to the deputy prosecuting attorneys handling these types of matters. These services would allow the attorneys specializing in this field to continue to do so, while providing them the tools to combat the negative impact these types of cases can inflict. Supplies - The Benton County Superior Court Judges have imposed new court rules and requirements for trials. Our office is now required to provide the Judge, court clerk, and defense counsel trial exhibit notebooks, in addition to the notebook retained by our office. These binders include hard copies of exhibits as well as electronic media. Said requirements have resulted in excessive costs from the purchase of binders, index tabs, sheet protectors, and printing costs, which at times include securing outside services, as the job is too big for our office to accommodate. The manner in which we are allowed to enter exhibits at trial has also changed, requiring the purchase of USBs, which are quite costly. Additionally, most of these items referenced above are limited to a one-time use, and not recyclable. Training - The PST added much needed deputy prosecuting attorney and support staff positions. The Blake bill and AGPRA funds added more positions to address Blake and backlog issues. However, those positions need training, which is not funded in the current budget. There were also significant changes made in the State Legislature in 2021 and 2022 regarding law enforcement practices, which our deputy prosecutors also need to be trained on. Bonuses - Recruitment bonuses up to \$10,000 for up to five open deputy prosecutor positions over the next biennium (\$5,000 upon job acceptance and \$5,000 after one year of employment). Total of \$50,000. Technology- Evidence.com - 4 licenses @ \$468 per license for a total of \$1872 Access to Odyssey for Franklin County - For 7-10 staff \$2400.00 for biennium. Adobe Pro - next level with audio/video redacting capability - \$*** Software for storage of KidsHaven videos. The vast majority of forensic interviews of children who may have been abused are video and audio recorded. However, these interviews are highly sensitive and protected by law, so much so that we require defense attorneys to return their copies to us. Storage of these sensitive videos has become an issue, and there is a successful statewide project for software to store these videos. This was an unanticipated development but is needed.	

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Detailed request description, including intended outcomes and evidence-based examples of how public safety would be improved.

Victim-Witness Coordinator:

Violent crime is up. In Kennewick, Washington, in 2020, there was one homicide. In 2021 there were six. The Kennewick Police Department also reported a 24 percent increase in aggravated assaults in 2021. Benton County had a record high in 2021 for homicides. What this means for our victim-witness staff is a huge increase in victims and witnesses who need assistance. Pursuant to the Blake decision and the legislative fix making drug possession crimes harder to prosecute, almost all of the new referrals involve crimes in which there are victims, either victims of violent crimes or property crimes. A new victim-witness position will help assist those victims and witnesses to crimes, make those victims and witnesses more willing to cooperate with the police and prosecution and thereby improve public safety.

Support Counseling:

The request for funds for the cost of support counseling services is to address the emotional toll that our staff experiences prosecuting sex abuse type cases. This is important work and the number of cases being referred is dramatically increasing, in part, due to the work of the local ICAC task force. We understand the City of Richland offers these counseling services to law enforcement officers working these types of cases, and we would like to be able to offer the same to our staff. We believe this service would help us retain experienced criminal attorneys that handle these important cases, thereby improving public safety.

Supplies:

One impact of COVID-19 has been an increased awareness of the value of court time and an appreciation of the smooth running of courts and trials. To that end, the local Benton-Franklin Counties Superior Court Judges have instituted new rules requiring additional thumb drives, binders and other materials. This will promote public safety by complying with the Court's order and will make court time more efficient for victims, witnesses and jurors.

Training:

The last 18 months have seen large changes in caselaw and legislation affecting police procedures, drug prosecutions, juvenile court procedures and sentencing of young adults. It will improve public safety to have training on ongoing issues.

Bonuses:

We are still attempting to fill the two new deputy prosecuting attorney positions authorized from COVID funding but have identified an experienced criminal attorney willing to work on a contract basis to focus solely on felony screenings to help reduce that backlog, but funding is needed for that work.

Also, in order to help fill the open deputy prosecuting attorney positions and be competitive with other regional PA offices like Yakima and Spokane counties that are offering recruitment bonuses, we would like \$50,000 allocated for up to five new hire criminal deputy prosecuting attorney bonuses. Our applicant pool has been significantly diminished over the last 6-12 months, and we believe these bonuses will help us be more competitive in filling open criminal deputy prosecuting attorney positions so that we can maintain the staff necessary to put dangerous criminals behind bars.

Technology:

Regarding the technology request, in the last year, law enforcement agencies have converted to a program, "evidence.com," to store their exhibits. While this program has definite advantages for the police and the support staff, it is a problem for deputy prosecutors who must wade through body camera footage to get to a relevant portion of a video.

The Superior Court has also upgraded their technology to allow presentation of documents, photographs, audio and video in a courtroom. Violent crime is up and we are getting more referrals from law enforcement. For example, in Kennewick violent crime is up 62% over this time last year. A contract attorney This will help with public safety by allowing a jury to understand the police investigation and the prosecutor's presentation.

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Existing and/or previous funding recipients – Provide a summary of completed work and its benefit to the public safety of our community, impacts to participants, and whether you met the intended goals of your funding.

This has been provided in prior funding requests.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO INCLUDE WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

1. Provide a detailed, 2-year budget (2023-2024) for your program or project, including any leveraging funds to be received from other sources.

2023-2024 PA PSST FUNDING REQUEST

VW Coordinator

Salary & Benefits	01/1/2023-12/31/2024
Salary	\$ 126,768
Social Security (FICA) (7.65%)	\$ 9,698
Medical Insurance (\$1,120/mo)	\$ 26,880
Retirement (10.25%)	\$ 13,003
Insurance Management/Workman's Comp	\$ 1,636
Accumulated Leave (1.75% based pm full FTE)	\$ 2,218
TOTAL Salary/Benefits	\$ 180,203

VW Coordinator Costs

Line Item Number	Line Item Description	2023-2024
0148101.117.00000.515.300.3501	Minor Equipment & Small Tools (desk/chair)	\$ 3,000
0148101.117.00000.515.300.9305	New Computer Hardware and Software	\$ 3,500
0148101.117.00000.515.300.4905	Training	\$ 1,000
0148101.117.00000.515.300.3101	Supplies	\$ 1,500
0148101.117.00000.515.300.4201	Postage	\$ 2,000
0148101.117.00000.515.300.4202	Telephone	\$ 1,500
	TOTAL COSTS	\$ 12,500

Support Counseling

Line Item Number	Line Item Description	2023-2024
0148101.117.00000.515.300.4103	Professional Services	\$ 40,000
	TOTAL COSTS	\$ 40,000

Supplies

Line Item Number	Line Item Description	2023-2024
0148101.117.00000.515.300.3101	Supplies	\$ 25,000
	TOTAL COSTS	\$ 25,000

Training

Line Item Number	Line Item Description	2023-2024
0148101.117.00000.515.300.4905	Training	\$ 11,000
	TOTAL COSTS	\$ 11,000

Recruitment Bonuses

Line Item Number	Line Item Description	2023-2024
0148101.117.00000.515.300.XXXX	Recruitment Bonuses	\$ 50,000
	TOTAL COSTS	\$ 50,000

Technology

Line Item Number	Line Item Description	2023-2024
0148101.117.00000.515.300.3503	Computer Software [Evidence.com 2023]	\$ 936
0148101.117.00000.515.300.3503	Computer Software [Adobe Premier Pro 2023]	\$ 3,200
0148101.117.00000.515.300.3503	Computer Software [Software for KH videos/interviews]	\$ 15,504
	Line 3503 TOTAL COSTS	\$ 19,640

Line Item Number	Line Item Description	2023-2024
0148101.117.00000.515.300.4805	Support and Maintenance [Evidence.com 2024]	\$ 936
0148101.117.00000.515.300.4805	Support and Maintenance [Adobe Premier Pro 2024]	\$ 3,200
	Line 4805 TOTAL COSTS	\$ 4,136

Line Item Number	Line Item Description	2023-2024
0148101.117.00000.515.300.4102	Contracted Services [Odyssey - Franklin County]	\$ 2,400
	TOTAL COSTS	\$ 2,400

TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUEST		
VW Coordinator Salary/Benefits	\$	180,203
VW Coordinator Costs	\$	12,500
Support Counseling	\$	40,000
Supplies	\$	25,000
Training	\$	11,000
Recruitment Bonuses	\$	50,000
Technology	\$	26,176
TOTAL PSST FUNDING REQUEST	\$	344,879

2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

Department / Office:	Prosecuting Attorney																																																																						
Request Description:	Public Safety Sales Tax Funding Request-See executive sur																																																																						
Funding Request Amount:	798,709.98																																																																						
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A. Two additional deputy prosecutors and one additional support staff: It is important for public safety purposes not to overload prosecutors with an excessive caseload. Every criminal defendant has a constitutional right under the Sixth Amendment to the US Constitution and Article 1, Section 22, of the Washington State constitution to competent representation. So, guidelines for caseloads for criminal defense attorneys were established over 30 years ago by the American Bar Association (ABA) and codified in Washington in 2012. Those standards state that a full-time defense attorney should not handle more than 150 per year. Standard for Indigent Defense, 3.4. There is no comparable constitutional right to demand that prosecutors have reasonable caseload limits, and there has been no push to establish caseload limits for prosecutors. Before a case is filed, the prosecutor considers whether the evidence is strong enough to obtain a guilty verdict, and may discuss the case with a police officer, a victim or a witness, or perhaps review other police reports regarding the suspect, and then prepare the charging documents, witness list and an offer letter. Once the case is filed, the defense attorney and prosecutor spend roughly the same amount of time on a case. The defense attorney has to communicate with the defendant, but the prosecutor has to field calls from victims and witnesses and make sure that the case is managed well up to the trial. In addition, prosecutors have other duties not involving prosecuting cases in court, including reviewing search warrants, advising police about searching a person or property or questioning a suspect, handling extradition matters, reviewing a police investigation in which the prosecutor declines to file charges, and providing training for police about new laws. The American Bar Association has guidelines about a prosecutor's workload. Standard 3-1.8, Appropriate Workload, states: a) The prosecutor should not carry a workload that, by reason of its excessive size or complexity, interferes with providing quality representation, endangers the interests of justice in fairness, accuracy or the timely disposition of charges, or has a significant potential to lead to the breach of profession obligations. b) The prosecutor's office should regularly review the workload of individual prosecutors, as well as the workload of the entire office, and adjust workloads when necessary to ensure the effective and ethical conduct of the prosecution function. c) The chief prosecutor for a jurisdiction should inform governmental officials of the workload of the prosecutor's office, and request funding and personnel that are adequate to meet the criminal caseload. The prosecutor should consider seeking such funding from all appropriate sources. If workload exceeds the appropriate professional capacity of a prosecutor or prosecutor's office, that office or counsel should also alert the court(s) in its jurisdiction and seek judicial relief. The felony division of the Benton County Prosecutor's Office has never felt more pressured than it does today. To a person, from the support staff to the deputy prosecutors to the victim-witness advocates, the consensus is that at least in the felony division of the Benton County Prosecutor's Office, we are close to a crisis. The pandemic resulted in a halt in jury trials for over one year. This caused a logjam in trials. Meanwhile, the State v. Blake case from February 2021 held that the drug possession statute in Washington was unconstitutional. This was a legal decision and was not meant to provide any treatment, counseling or support to those that are addicted. Addicts have continued to commit crimes ranging from shoplifting to murder. The upshot is that while the police virtually never refer drug possession cases to our office, crime has continued on, has become more serious and victim intensive. In addition, body cameras for the police are becoming mandatory both by policy and by statute. The upshot is that the deputy prosecutor must review in some cases hours of body camera footage to make sure that he or she has not missed anything. Consider these numbers: <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Crime type—referrals from police:</th> <th>2019</th> <th>2020</th> <th>2021</th> <th>2022 (est.)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Sex offense</td> <td>114</td> <td>159</td> <td>148</td> <td>180</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Special Victim</td> <td></td> <td>497</td> <td>552</td> <td>634</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Second Degree Burglary</td> <td>70</td> <td>97</td> <td>103</td> <td>104</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Third Degree Assault</td> <td>68</td> <td>86</td> <td>83</td> <td>51</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Second Degree Assault</td> <td>51</td> <td>69</td> <td>71</td> <td>104</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Felony Harassment</td> <td>31</td> <td>46</td> <td>62</td> <td>60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Residential Burglary</td> <td>19</td> <td>38</td> <td>45</td> <td>46</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Second Degree Malicious Mischief</td> <td>16</td> <td>23</td> <td>35</td> <td>36</td> </tr> <tr> <td>First Degree Burglary</td> <td>6</td> <td>7</td> <td>17</td> <td>16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>First Degree Robbery</td> <td>8</td> <td>8</td> <td>14</td> <td>16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>First Degree Assault</td> <td>7</td> <td>2</td> <td>10</td> <td>12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>First Degree Malicious Mischief</td> <td>2</td> <td>7</td> <td>8</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Possession/Theft of Stolen Vehicle</td> <td>43</td> <td>70</td> <td>75</td> <td>129</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> In nearly every instance, the serious crimes listed above are rising dramatically. And these statistics do not include homicides, the most serious offense of all. Homicide cases are in a special category. They are extremely time-consuming because prosecutors are committed to seeking justice, homicides usually have the most technical and scientific evidence; the prosecutor must spend time with surviving family members to explain the process, and they usually end up in a jury trial because the defendant has little to gain by pleading guilty. Homicides have climbed dramatically in the last five years. Homicides in Benton Co.: 2018: 5; 2019: 4; 2020: 8; 2021: 4; and 2022 to date: 14. As of August 23, 2022, our office had 17 pending homicide cases. Part of this is due to the pandemic and trials not occurring for over one year. But, compared to prior years the number of pending homicide cases is huge. Pending homicide cases: 2018: 5; 2019: 8; 2020: 9; 2021: 7; and 2022 to date: 17. The number of cases per deputy prosecutor in Benton County is greater than comparable counties. Our office currently has 131 active sex offense cases that are handled by three felony deputy prosecutors. That is an average of 43 cases per attorney. Compare that to Clark County, whose major crime unit consists of six deputy prosecutors who are handling 157 active cases. In addition, Benton County currently has 1097 active/pending cases and has 13 felony deputy prosecutors. Compare that with Clark County, who currently has 1247 active/pending cases and 24.5 felony deputy prosecutors. In sum, compared to the Clark County Prosecutor's Office our office is currently handling a major crime caseload that is 65% higher per deputy prosecutor and an overall caseload that is 68% higher per deputy prosecutor (50 vs. 84). These are not sustainable caseloads for our office, and ongoing staffing at these current levels creates a public safety risk.		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Detailed request description, including intended outcomes and evidence-based examples of how public safety would be improved.

A. Two additional deputy prosecutors and one additional support staff:

The Benton County Prosecutor's Office is requesting a total of \$631,716 for two additional deputy prosecutors, for the years 2023-24. This includes salary and benefits plus costs for computer hardware, desks, supplies and telephone, among other things. We are requesting \$133,550 in salary and benefits one additional support staff for the years 2023-24, plus costs of \$8800. The total is \$774,066.

The intended outcomes include:

- More prompt screening of referrals to our office.
- Better communication with victims and witnesses so that the deputy prosecutor can learn information about the case that may be missing from police reports.
- Provide victims with a feeling that they are part of the process, and they were listened to.
- Allow the deputy prosecutor to look deeper into cases and determine which defendants are deserving of lenient treatment and which are deserving of punishment.
- Allow the deputy prosecutor to be fully prepared for trial, which will result in more guilty verdicts.
- Ease the stress on deputy prosecutors and encourage an experienced staff of prosecutors to stay with the office during this stressful time.

B. Two laptops dedicated for courtroom use:

The Benton County Prosecutor's Office is also requesting \$799.98 for two laptop computers at \$399.99 each. The intended outcome will include presentations of evidence to jurors in a timely and efficient manner, which should help juries convict guilty defendants.

C. Additional software for redaction:

The Benton County Prosecutor's Office is also requesting \$11,844 for three licenses (3 licenses at \$3948 per year), as well as three laptops with upgraded graphics cards, docking stations and monitors at a maximum of \$4000 each for a total of \$12,000 for laptops with upgraded graphics cards, docking stations and monitors. The intended outcome will include allowing victims and witnesses not to have their location and personal information discovered while also providing transparency for the public.

The Benton County Prosecutor's Office remains committed to providing justice to the victims of crimes, to the defendants who commit crimes and to the public by allowing them to live in a safe community. This request will help with all these goals.

2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

Existing and/or previous funding recipients – Provide a summary of completed work and its benefit to the public safety of our community, impacts to participants, and whether you met the intended goals of your funding.

This has been provided in prior funding requests.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO INCLUDE WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

1. Provide a detailed, 2-year budget (2023-2024) for your program or project, including any leveraging funds to be received from other sources.

2023-2024 PA PST FUNDING REQUEST

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney #1

Salary & Benefits	2023-24
Salary	\$ 222,876
Social Security (FICA) (7.65%)	\$ 17,050
Medical Insurance/VEBA (\$1,120/mo & \$300/mo)	\$ 34,080
Retirement (10.39%)	\$ 23,157
Insurance Management/Workman's Comp	\$ 1,636
Accumulated Leave (1.75% based pm full FTE)	\$ 3,900
Paid Family Leave Act	\$ 359
TOTAL Salary/Benefits	\$ 303,058

DPA #1 Costs

Line Item Number	Line Item Description	2023-24
0148101.117.00000.515.300.3501	Minor Equipment & Small Tools (desk/chair)	\$ 3,000
0148101.117.00000.515.300.9305	New Computer Hardware and Software	\$ 4,000
0148101.117.00000.515.300.4905	Training	\$ 3,000
0148101.117.00000.515.300.3101	Supplies	\$ 800
0148101.117.00000.515.300.4201	Postage	\$ 1,000
0148101.117.00000.515.300.4202	Telephone	\$ 1,000
TOTAL COSTS		\$ 12,800

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney #2

Salary & Benefits	2023-24
Salary	\$ 222,876
Social Security (FICA) (7.65%)	\$ 17,050
Medical Insurance/VEBA (\$1,120/mo & \$300/mo)	\$ 34,080
Retirement (10.39%)	\$ 23,157
Insurance Management/Workman's Comp	\$ 1,636
Accumulated Leave (1.75% based pm full FTE)	\$ 3,900
Paid Family Leave Act	\$ 359
TOTAL Salary/Benefits	\$ 303,058

DPA #2 Costs

Line Item Number	Line Item Description	2023-24
0148101.117.00000.515.300.3501	Minor Equipment & Small Tools (desk/chair)	\$ 3,000
0148101.117.00000.515.300.3501	New Computer Hardware and Software	\$ 4,000
0148101.117.00000.515.300.3501	Training	\$ 3,000
0148101.117.00000.515.300.3501	Supplies	\$ 800
0148101.117.00000.515.300.3501	Postage	\$ 1,000
0148101.117.00000.515.300.3501	Telephone	\$ 1,000
TOTAL COSTS		\$ 12,800

Legal Secretary - V

Salary & Benefits	2023-24
Salary	\$ 87,564
Social Security (FICA) (7.65%)	\$ 6,699
Medical Insurance (\$1,120/mo)	\$ 26,880
Retirement (10.39%)	\$ 9,098
Insurance Management/Workman's Comp	\$ 1,636
Accumulated Leave (1.75% based pm full FTE)	\$ 1,532
Paid Family Leave Act	\$ 141
TOTAL Salary/Benefits	\$ 133,550

LS Costs

Line Item Number	Line Item Description	2023-24
0148101.117.00000.515.300.3501	Minor Equipment & Small Tools (desk/chair)	\$ 3,000
0148101.117.00000.515.300.9305	New Computer Hardware and Software	\$ 4,000
0148101.117.00000.515.300.4905	Training	\$ 500
0148101.117.00000.515.300.3101	Supplies	\$ 800
0148101.117.00000.515.300.4201	Postage	\$ 500
TOTAL COSTS		\$ 8,800

TOTAL PST FUNDING REQUEST	
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney #1	\$ 315,858
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney #2	\$ 315,858
Legal Secretary V	\$ 142,350
TOTAL Salary/Benefits/Costs	\$ 774,066

2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

Department / Office:	Benton County Sheriff's Office		
Request Description:	Accreditation Manager		
Funding Request Amount:	\$195,927.86		
Is your request a one-time funding request, or an on-going funding request (i.e. positions)?			
☐	One-Time Request	☒	On-Going Request
Executive summary of your request:			
Recent legislation and the ever-increasing need for transparency and accountability among law enforcement has impacted the way we must manage records, data, and processes within the Sheriff's Office. Becoming an accredited agency is a process by which BCSO can ensure our policies and procedures correspond with best practices as well as governmental laws and regulations. The Accreditation Manager is a position that is widely used among law enforcement agencies, although it may be titled differently, the responsibility and needs are all similar. Some agencies add additional department supervisors or administrators positions to fill those responsibilities. While the model of utilizing commissioned personnel to fill the role has some benefits, its proven better suited to be a non-commissioned person. By hiring a non-commissioned person, the accreditation manager can come with schooling and training in those specific needed areas instead of adapting law enforcement officers. Non-commissioned also provides for a smaller financial impact on the budget when not paying a Patrol supervisor to do the work of the Accreditation Manager. BCSO is requesting the addition of Accreditation Manager position			
Purpose and need for the request. How does the request seek to address public safety issues?			
The addition of an Accreditation Manager will help bridge certain gaps that currently exist in our department, as well as open further opportunities for department growth. The Accreditation Manager will not only work to make BCSO an accredited law enforcement agency, but also work closely with procurement specialists and grant funding to obtain increasingly needed equipment, technology, and training that the citizens demand from our deputies. Management of current and future grants are imperative to the development and growth of the Sheriff's Office as it provides avenues for obtaining needed equipment and training that would be otherwise unobtainable within current budgets.			

2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

Detailed request description, including intended outcomes and evidence-based examples of how public safety would be improved.

If approved BCSO will hire an Accreditation Manager who is responsible for managing policies, record tracking programs, inventories, grants and achieving accreditation for BCSO. The accreditation process ensures BCSO is following best practices and has proper policies and procedures in place.

With the addition of the accreditation manager, it will facilitate the addition of better equipment and highly trained deputies for the community. Having improved and up to date equipment with properly trained deputies also reduces liability to the department and county.

The addition of an accreditation manager will create an agency in which the community knows is at the forefront of current policing models and standards.

Ongoing salary and benefits cost for biennium- \$195,927.86

2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

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2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

Department / Office:	Benton County Sheriff's Office		
Request Description:	Blue Team IA/ Pro		
Funding Request Amount:	\$23,600		
Is your request a one-time funding request, or an on-going funding request (i.e. positions)?			
☒	One-Time Request	☐	On-Going Request
Executive summary of your request:			
The Blue Team and IA/ Pro program are training and operational programs that store and analyzes uses of force, complainants, and other tangible behaviors. From this early warning signs for deputy behavior and training deficiencies can be determines and applies. Blue Team and IA/ Pro also ensure professional standards are being met and help lessen liability by showing training to standards and evaluating processes to improve public safety ensuring standards are being met.			
Purpose and need for the request. How does the request seek to address public safety issues?			
The purpose for these programs is to help identify problems through documented behaviors and meet professional standards. Meeting professional standards will ensure fair practices and a high level of police service for all citizens and visitors of Benton County Washington. ADVANTAGES - The ability to identify deficiencies in policies, procedures, training, and supervision. - Provides assistance in ensuring professional standards are being met. - Provides a better method of use of force reporting -Provides statistical analysis into training deficiencies to address potential problems.			

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These programs will be used for reporting and analyzing uses of force, vehicle accidents, pursuits, officer conduct, supervisory oversight and potential deficiencies in policies.

These reportable event will be assigned to each associated to them and notify administration through an early Intervention dashboard if an employee is showing behavioral signs on a potential spectrum of misbehaviors. Administrators and supervisors can intervene and identify the sources of potential issues and take corrective action. This can help ensure public safety and the best service we can provide by ensuring professional and legal standards are met.

By ensuring and heading off potential problems with driving, use of force, complaints, and other high liability areas we will help ensure the better public safety.

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Blue Team IA/Pro

BASE SUB (6 digit)	LINE ITEM (4 digit)	LINE ITEM NAME	AMOUNT 2023	AMOUNT 2024
521.210	3106	Operating Supplies		
521.210	3113	Training Supplies		
521.210	3126	Ammunition		
521.210	3201	Vehicle Fuel		
521.210	3501	Minor Equipment and Small Tools		
521.210	3503	Computer Software	\$19,600	\$4,000
521.210	4103	Professional Services		
521.210	4202	Telephone		
521.210	4301	Travel		
521.210	4905	Training		
521.210	4906	Print/Bindery		
521.210	6410	Capital Outlay/Vehicles		
521.210	9305	New Computer & Hardware		
TOTAL			\$19,600	\$4,000

2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

Department / Office:	Benton County Sheriff's Office		
Request Description:	Computer Forensics Lab		
Funding Request Amount:	\$200,000		
Is your request a one-time funding request, or an on-going funding request (i.e. positions)?			
☒	One-Time Request	☐	On-Going Request
Executive summary of your request:			
In today's technological time, most crimes investigated include the use of cellular phones, computers and vehicles. Most if not all crimes investigated has a computer component requiring investigators to be trained and have the tools necessary to successfully conduct the investigations. These forensic programs allow investigators to acquire evidence to successfully identify, arrest, and prosecute the offenders. The purpose for the forensic lab and programs is to properly process and analyze computers, cell phones and a vehicle's on-board computers and allow investigators to access, identify, acquire, and analyze information stored in these many systems and use this recovered evidence to help solve crimes, identify other victims and witnesses and arrest and prosecute offenders.			
Purpose and need for the request. How does the request seek to address public safety issues?			
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Detailed request description, including intended outcomes and evidence-based examples of how public safety would be improved.

Relates to Public Safety:

Cell phones, computers and onboard vehicle computers are very sophisticated and contain information that will solve crimes. This information is critical to learning what occurred, who and how many persons were involved, and what other electronic devices were used. This electronic information allows an investigator to find answers to a crime by identifying victims, witnesses and offenders where this information was not known before and may not have been discovered without the use of these forensic programs. ☐

By equipping the sheriff's office with a computer forensic lab will will allow to effectively process computers and cellular phones and allow investigators to acquire evidence to successfully identify, arrest, and extract evidence for a successful prosecution.

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Forensic Computer Lab

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521.210	3113	Training Supplies		
521.210	3126	Ammunition		
521.210	3201	Vehicle Fuel		
521.210	3501	Minor Equipment and Small Tools		
521.210	3503	Computer Software		
521.210	4103	Professional Services		
521.210	4202	Telephone		
521.210	4301	Travel		
521.210	4905	Training		
521.210	4906	Print/Bindery		
521.210	6410	Capital Outlay/Vehicles	\$200,000	
521.210	9305	New Computer & Hardware		
TOTAL			\$200,000	\$0

2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

Department / Office:	Benton County Sheriff's Office		
Request Description:	Flock Automated License Plate Readers		
Funding Request Amount:	\$80,250		
Is your request a one-time funding request, or an on-going funding request (i.e. positions)?			
☐	One-Time Request	☒	On-Going Request
Executive summary of your request:			
Benton County Sheriff's office has experienced an increase of approximately 96% in reported vehicle thefts during the last year. The other municipalities within Benton County have experienced an average of 404% in vehicle thefts in their respective cities, leading to a huge increase of stolen vehicles being recovered in our jurisdiction. The use of automated license plate readers (ALPR) is widely used by law enforcement agencies to prevent, deter, and solve vehicle thefts as well as many other crimes. ALPRs provide objective data that can be used to solve crimes ranging from vehicle thefts to some of the most severe crimes like kidnappings and homicides. BCSO requests the purchase of 15 FLOCK ALPRs.			
Purpose and need for the request. How does the request seek to address public safety issues?			
BCSO recently was awarded a grant for 10 FLOCK ALPRs, due to the large geographical area of Benton County the need for additional ALPRs is necessary. FLOCK ALPRs allow for real time information to be passed onto deputies patrolling in the area. FLOCK has the ability to immediately notify deputies when a stolen vehicle has passed by a ALPR location and provides them the information needed to coordinate efforts and prevent the vehicle from fleeing reducing the risk to the community and assisting with returning property back to the victims. ALPRs are an invaluable tool in solving other violent crimes such as assaults, kidnappings and homicides. Detectives can enter vehicle information and obtain locations in which the vehicle has crossed other FLOCK ALPRs. The FLOCK data base is nationwide, which allows for access to ALPR in other jurisdictions including our local cities and many areas just outside our county. As suspects or vehicles travel, FLOCK is able to notify us if it has been captured on a camera. This data allows for detectives to connect the dots, helping to quickly solve crimes and apprehend dangerous criminals. This information can be crucial in locating suspects as they are fleeing from the region or across state lines providing real time alerts when they are picked up on a ALPR.			

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Detailed request description, including intended outcomes and evidence-based examples of how public safety would be improved.

If approved the BCSO would purchase 15 additional FLOCK ALPRs to be strategically placed within the county. The FLOCK system allows for us to work with partnering agencies and exchange needed information for solving crimes within our vast community.

Each ALPR costs \$2,850 per camera (including install) and then \$2,500 per year. Total cost for 15 ALPRs with 2 year contract is \$80,250 (\$42,750 first year with installation and 37,500 each year after).

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Flock ALPR - PST (BIENNIUM)

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521.210	3113	Training Supplies		
521.210	3126	Ammunition		
521.210	3201	Vehicle Fuel		
521.210	3501	Minor Equipment and Small Tools		
521.210	3503	Computer Software	\$42,750	\$37,500
521.210	4103	Professional Services		
521.210	4202	Telephone		
521.210	4301	Travel		
521.210	4905	Training		
521.210	4906	Print/Bindery		
521.210	6410	Capital Outlay/Vehicles		
521.210	9305	New Computer & Hardware		
TOTAL			\$42,750	\$37,500

2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

Department / Office:	Benton County Sheriff's Office		
Request Description:	Mobile Police Radio Replacement		
Funding Request Amount:	\$135,000		
Is your request a one-time funding request, or an on-going funding request (i.e. positions)?			
☒	One-Time Request	☐	On-Going Request
Executive summary of your request:			
Effective communication is central to the policing profession. At the center of communication is the police mobile radio (in car). 20 of our mobile radios are so aged that immediate replacement is necessary. Replacing these 20 radios will bring the fleet current and allow the "replacement schedule" to continue to maintain the fleet on a healthy schedule.			
Purpose and need for the request. How does the request seek to address public safety issues?			
The BCSO responds to thousands of calls for service each year. All of these calls for service are broadcast to deputies in the field over their mobile radios. A number of our radios are so aged that they are malfunctioning and dying while in use. When a radio goes down for repairs it places the vehicle out of service and when this happens while actively being used, it becomes an office and public safety concern. Replacing 20 of our radios will bring the fleet current and ensure deputies are timely notified of crimes in progress and other emergencies.			

2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

Detailed request description, including intended outcomes and evidence-based examples of how public safety would be improved.

If approved, 20 mobile radios in front line emergency response vehicles would be replaced. This will improve public and officer safety and ensure effective communication between deputies and dispatch.

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Mobile Radio Replacement - PST (BIENNIUM)

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521.210	3201	Vehicle Fuel		
521.210	3501	Minor Equipment and Small Tools		
521.210	3503	Computer Software		
521.210	4103	Professional Services	\$15,000	
521.210	4202	Telephone		
521.210	4301	Travel		
521.210	4905	Training		
521.210	4906	Print/Bindery		
521.210	6410	Capital Outlay/Vehicles	\$120,000	
521.210	9305	New Computer & Hardware		
TOTAL			\$135,000	\$0

2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

Department / Office:	Benton County Sheriff's Office		
Request Description:	PIT Bars		
Funding Request Amount:	\$17,000		
Is your request a one-time funding request, or an on-going funding request (i.e. positions)?			
☒	One-Time Request	☐	On-Going Request
Executive summary of your request:			
In recent years law enforcement has experienced a drastic increase in the number of vehicles fleeing traffic stops and other crime scenes. This creates danger to the public and options for law enforcement to stop a pursuit are limited. One technique designed to quickly stop pursuits is the precision immobilization technique (PIT) and has been in law enforcement use since the 1980s. PIT is unquestionably an effective tool for ending vehicle pursuits. A well-executed PIT deployment usually results in the pursued vehicle spinning out to a stop, followed by the arrest of the driver. By equipping patrol vehicles with PIT bumpers we will have an effective technique to stop pursuits quickly and limit the risk to the public resulting from fleeing criminals.			
Purpose and need for the request. How does the request seek to address public safety issues?			
ADVANTAGES OF PIT When it is necessary to pursue a fleeing vehicle we can pursue the driver until they get tired or run out of gas, or attempt a more decisive tactic like the PIT. PIT is designed to quickly end a pursuit and take a suspect into custody. Advantages of using the PIT include: - Immediate termination of the pursuit - Minimal damage, when done properly, to suspect and police vehicles - Police determine where and when pursuit will end - No extra equipment required - Minimal training requirement - Target vehicle occupants are on scene at the termination of pursuit and can be arrested Equipping our patrol vehicles with PIT bumpers will limit damage to our vehicles and facilitate the quick end to pursuing vehicles.			

2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

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By equipping patrol vehicles with PIT bumpers, give law enforcement the ability to quickly resolve pursuits and limit danger to the public. Without this alternative to stopping pursuits, law enforcement is left to allow criminals to endanger the public and flee at without consequence.

The PIT maneuver gives a safe alternative to ending pursuits and protects the public.

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PIT Bumpers

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521.210	3503	Computer Software		
521.210	4103	Professional Services	\$5,000	
521.210	4202	Telephone		
521.210	4301	Travel		
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521.210	4906	Print/Bindery		
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521.210	9305	New Computer & Hardware		
TOTAL			\$17,000	\$0

2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

Department / Office:	Benton County Sheriff's Office		
Request Description:	Online Reporting		
Funding Request Amount:	\$54,000		
Is your request a one-time funding request, or an on-going funding request (i.e. positions)?			
☒	One-Time Request	☐	On-Going Request
Executive summary of your request:			
The Benton County Sheriff's office (BCSO) has between 2500- 3000 incidents every month. Most of these calls for service result in reports which are "low priority" calls such as cold reports or cases with no suspects or evidence. Online reporting has shown great success and is becoming widely used among law enforcement agencies across the nation for "low priority" type calls. Online reporting allows the victim to submit the information when they have all the needed information and generates the report for data entries and listing stolen property. The online reporting process provides the victim the ability to automatically check the status of their case, update information as they receive it, and do it at their convenience. BCSO is requesting the purchase of the Lexis-Nexus regional interface and the first-year annual fee for BCSO.			
Purpose and need for the request. How does the request seek to address public safety issues?			
With recent legislation and current increase in crimes, deputies are spending more time and resources on "high priority" calls such as in-progress property crimes and crimes against persons. The overwhelming amount of low priority crimes dramatically impacts the deputy's ability to readily respond to in-progress calls as well as reducing their time for conducting proactive policing techniques used to prevent and reduce crime. The amount of time spent driving to the call or taking information over the phone can be dramatically reduced by online reporting. Instead of giving information to the deputy, the victim just enters the same information into the online form and the system then generates the report for approval			

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Detailed request description, including intended outcomes and evidence-based examples of how public safety would be improved.

Lexus-Nexus Online reporting is currently being used in Washington by 29 different agencies including some multi- agency interfaces such as what is being proposed for our area. It is estimated based on BCSO's call volume, we would save approximately 4,000 hours a year that can be reallocated to high priority calls or proactive policing. Reallocating these saved hours to proactive policing will deter and reduce overall crime in Benton County including reducing future property crimes such as theft or vandalism.

If approved the BCSO will purchase the one-time interface for our region and the 1-year fee for BCSO

Regional interface- \$18,000

Estimated biennium cost \$36,000

Total- \$54,000

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Online Reporting - PST (BIENNIUM)

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521.210	9305	New Computer & Hardware		
TOTAL			\$36,000	\$18,000

2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

Department / Office:	Richland Police Department		
Request Description:	Bomb Squad X-ray system		
Funding Request Amount:	\$32,035		
Is your request a one-time funding request, or an on-going funding request (i.e. positions)?			
☒	One-Time Request	☐	On-Going Request
Executive summary of your request:			
The Richland Police Department Bomb Squad is a regional squad providing render safe capabilities for improvised explosive devices in southeast Washington. The main diagnostic tool during render safe is the X-ray system. The use of X-ray is critical for both public safety and the safety of law enforcement officers. This X-ray tool remain on the truck and is different from the man portable backpack unit we possess.			
Purpose and need for the request. How does the request seek to address public safety issues?			
The ability for Bomb Technicians to see inside of a package allows for proper diagnosis of the public safety threat. Newer software and hardware systems are available for more consistent reliability, upgraded image resolution and quicker processing in the field. I can use our existing radiation source to merge with a new scanner and imaging plates for increased success. Once an improvised explosive device is located, a significant disruption to the community occurs with immediate danger to life. With new X-ray components the Bomb Technician can mitigate the threat quicker and more accurately. Equipment used by the Bomb Technician are very expensive. The Richland Police Department does not have a budget to replace these items. The RPD provides Bomb Technician services in Eastern Washington. In order to do this, we partner with the Spokane Police/Spokane County Team and the WSP (1 tech). More than half of our calls occur outside of the City of Richland. We also provide direct support to the Tri-City SWAT Team during their missions.			

2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

Detailed request description, including intended outcomes and evidence-based examples of how public safety would be improved.

The Richland Police Bomb Squad is in need of a replacement/upgraded xray system. Our current system, ScanX, is over 10 years old and the reliability is wavering.

We have had numerous issues in the field while on render safe operations. This affects the quality of image we are able to see if we are able to retrieve an image at all.

X-ray is inarguably the bomb technicians most valuable tool. Without X-ray and the ability to properly diagnose the device, the public and the bomb techs are in greater danger.

This request is for a new scanner, imaging plates, laptop and accessories. I will use our existing radiation sources to complete the upgrade package.

This system is used by US Bomb Technicians as part of the National Response Plan. The software and methods used allow for US Bomb Technicians to quickly share their findings with National Assets if the need arises to escalate a response to match the threat encountered. We, along with the equipment, are a vital piece to the National Response Plan.

The FBI manages and supports the Public Safety Bomb Squad Program in the US. This includes certification and ongoing training, but does not include equipment. We did receive a large Andros F-6 robot from the FBI in 2002.

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Department / Office:	Benton County Sheriff's Office		
Request Description:	Training for Law Enforcement Personnel		
Funding Request Amount:	\$100,000.00		
Is your request a one-time funding request, or an on-going funding request (i.e. positions)?			
☒	One-Time Request	☐	On-Going Request
Executive summary of your request:			
The Benton County Sheriff's Office is requesting funding for continued training for employees in order to provide a high level of service to the citizens of Benton County. In recent years expense's associated with training have increased and the amount of training needed specifically in regard to mental health and deescalation has also increased. In 2022, the legislature increased the cost of Basic law enforcement Academy by 25% per attendee. This is required training in which every new Deputy must attend for approximately six months. Effective June 30, 2021 all commissioned personnel must have 8 hours of crisis intervention training per RCW 43.101.427. The state recommended 40 hours of crisis intervention training annually. The Benton County Sheriff's Office is striving to set the standard and provide the highest level of training to deputies. By continuously improving and evolving our training we hope to continue to provide great service to the residents of Benton County.			
Purpose and need for the request. How does the request seek to address public safety issues?			
The ultimate goal of the Benton County Sheriff's Office is to provide a high level of law enforcement service to the community while preserving the peace and providing protection to both persons and property. In order to provide a high level of public safety the Benton County Sheriff's Office needs to maintain it's rigorous training standards, as well as look to improve training during these litigious times. Due to the increase in training costs and requirements, we are finding it financially more difficult than ever to provide employees with the required training. This money will be used by a variety of divisions within the Benton County Sheriff's Office. This includes detectives division, patrol division and all other specialty units. The list below is not all inclusive, but are some of the trainings these funds may be allocated towards in order to increase public safety. -Crisis intervention Training -De-escalation Training -Crime Prevention Training -Basic Academy Training -Homicide Investigation Training -Active Shooter Training			

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Detailed request description, including intended outcomes and evidence-based examples of how public safety would be improved.

If approved, the Benton County Sheriff's Office would prioritize the needs of training and spend the money in accordance with basic needs.

Priority number one would be utilizing a portion of the money to cover academy costs. Due to the amount of individuals leaving law enforcement we are currently hiring new employees at a unprecedented rate. As of April 2022, we have hired or who are currently attending the basic law enforcement academy, is approximately six entry level deputies for the year. Previously, academy students attended at no cost, over the years the cost has slowly increased to approximately \$4,500 per student. Our training budget has not been increased to reflect this cost. This has dramatically impacted our training budget in a negative manner.

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Training and Travel - PST (BIENNIUM)

BASE SUB (6 digit)	LINE ITEM (4 digit)	LINE ITEM NAME	AMOUNT 2023	AMOUNT 2024
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521.210	3113	Training Supplies		
521.210	3126	Ammunition		
521.210	3201	Vehicle Fuel		
521.210	3501	Minor Equipment and Small Tools		
521.210	3503	Computer Software		
521.210	4103	Professional Services		
521.210	4202	Telephone		
521.210	4301	Travel	\$25,000	\$25,000
521.210	4905	Training	\$25,000	\$25,000
521.210	4906	Print/Bindery		
521.210	6410	Capital Outlay/Vehicles		
521.210	9305	New Computer & Hardware		
TOTAL			\$50,000	\$50,000

2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

Department / Office:	Benton County Sheriff's Office		
Request Description:	Six (6) UAV Drones		
Funding Request Amount:	\$26,000		
Is your request a one-time funding request, or an on-going funding request (i.e. positions)?			
☒	One-Time Request	☐	On-Going Request
Executive summary of your request:			
The Benton County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) works in rural and suburban areas during both daytime and nighttime conditions when looking for both fleeing subjects and missing and/or endangered persons. Often these events and calls for service happen in remote areas of the county. The use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) is widely used in Law Enforcement both for public safety and the safety of law enforcement officers. UAVs come in many sizes and configurations that allow for operations both indoors and outdoors as well as capabilities for daytime cameras and thermal imaging. BCSO requests the purchase of 6 UAVs. 2 of which will be equipped with thermal imaging.			
Purpose and need for the request. How does the request seek to address public safety issues?			
UAVs provide the ability to have a bird's eye view. This allows deputies to view and cover large areas of terrain that would be otherwise impossible to search or view quickly and efficiently. Criminals of violent crime often flee on foot to avoid arrest. Thermal imaging attached to UAVs provide all the advantages of a helicopter with the same capabilities, only in a compact package, at fractions of the cost. UAVs help officers quickly and efficiently clear a dark room, track a suspect, or locate a missing person. Thermal cameras create an improved level of personal safety and situational awareness. Thermal imaging cameras detect heat, enabling law enforcement professionals to see in complete darkness. Thermal imaging cameras require no ambient light and retain their clarity in any lighting condition. There are additional benefits beyond simply locating suspects of a crime. UAVs are commonly used to help investigators at a crime scene look for and locate evidence of a crime, thus aiding in the successful investigation and prosecution of a crime. UAVs greatly aid in search and rescue operations as well as major disasters. The ability to quickly search an area for missing children or endangered adults greatly improves the ability of search and rescue operations and vastly improves the effectiveness of a deputy in these critical events.			

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Detailed request description, including intended outcomes and evidence-based examples of how public safety would be improved.

If approved the BCSO would purchase 6 UAVs. This will provide each patrol squad a UAV capable of flying indoors and outdoors during daytime hours. 2 thermal equipped UAVs will be assigned to the night shift patrol squads as well, to assist with outdoor searches during hours of darkness. This would give each squad the ability to quickly deploy these UAVs, aiding dramatically in the ability to quickly locate suspects or endangered persons.

Utilizing UAVs to locate suspects from a distance or prior to putting deputies inside a structure exponentially increases the safety to the deputies as well as the suspect or others involved. The early detection of suspects allows deputies to de-escalate situations from a distance, utilize less lethal tools and best practices for peaceful resolutions. These tactics and techniques directly fall in line with best practices, state laws and mitigates liability to the county and deputies

Total cost for 4 indoor/outdoor, daytime UAVs and 2 outdoor, thermally equipped UAVs is \$26,000 with wsst.

2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

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Six (6) UAV Drones - PST (BIENNIUM)

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521.210	3126	Ammunition		
521.210	3201	Vehicle Fuel		
521.210	3501	Minor Equipment and Small Tools	\$26,000	
521.210	3503	Computer Software		
521.210	4103	Professional Services		
521.210	4202	Telephone		
521.210	4301	Travel		
521.210	4905	Training		
521.210	4906	Print/Bindery		
521.210	6410	Capital Outlay/Vehicles		
521.210	9305	New Computer & Hardware		
TOTAL			\$26,000	\$0

2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

Department / Office:	Benton County Sheriff's Office		
Request Description:	SWAT Vehicle Vault Boxes		
Funding Request Amount:	25,000		
Is your request a one-time funding request, or an on-going funding request (i.e. positions)?			
☒	One-Time Request	☐	On-Going Request
Executive summary of your request:			
The Benton County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) is a contributing member of the Tri-City Regional SWAT Team (TCRST). BCSO maintains a minimum of 7 members assigned to TCRST. All members assigned to TCRST are required to carry a variety of specialized weapons and tools used to complete those SWAT missions. The purchase and use of Truck Vault boxes in the vehicles provide secure and safe transportation and storage of these weapons and tools.			
Purpose and need for the request. How does the request seek to address public safety issues?			
TCRST members are assigned a variety of specialized weapons and tools on a permanent basis. These specialized items need to be securely transported and stored at all times. Some of these tools are federally mandated to be secured and safely stored at all times. These specialized tools are inherently expensive and require a high level of care to maintain proper working order. TCRST is called upon on a regular basis to apprehend gang members who are involved in violent crimes and known to be armed or violent. These specialized weapons and tools are used in these missions and during all other SWAT operations. Truck Vault's carry and store these tools in a manner to ensure proper working order when needed and keep them readily accessible in their assigned vehicle. This provides the ability to maintain public safety and complete those missions by taking those suspects into custody. Truck Vaults are a secured, locking box that stores these specialized tools and weapons. The added level of security also provides another level of public safety to ensure these items are not stolen and come into the hands of criminals.			

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Detailed request description, including intended outcomes and evidence-based examples of how public safety would be improved.

If approved the BCSO would purchase 7 Truck Vault vehicle boxes. This would provide a Truck Vault in each vehicle of the assigned BCSO member to TCRST. This would give each member the ability to quickly deploy with these specialized tools and weapons.

TCRST responds to approximately 80-90 high-risk calls or search warrants per year all over the region. On a regular basis these calls for service include gang members and other violent criminals. The equipment needed to be stored in Truck Vaults allows for quick and effective apprehension of these criminals in a manner that provides the highest level of safety to the public. These tools and their safe storage also mitigate liability to Benton County.

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SWAT Vehicle Vault Boxes - PST (BIENNIUM)

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521.210	6410	Capital Outlay/Vehicles		
521.210	9305	New Computer & Hardware		
TOTAL			\$25,000	\$0

2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

Department / Office:	Benton County Sheriff's Office		
Request Description:	New Crime Scene Evidence Vehicle		
Funding Request Amount:	\$350,000		
Is your request a one-time funding request, or an on-going funding request (i.e. positions)?			
☒ One-Time Request		☐ On-Going Request	
Executive summary of your request:			
Investigating a crime scene is one of the most important parts of any criminal investigation. Investigators use special methods and equipment for investigating a crime scene and most important is preserving the integrity of the crime scene. A crime scene evidence vehicle will allow for a quick, efficient deployment of detectives to crime scenes. Detectives will have the equipment and technology necessary to properly investigate a crime scene all within one vehicle. This will provide the best opportunity to solve cases and identify and arrest dangerous suspects in a timely manner to keep our communities safe.			
Purpose and need for the request. How does the request seek to address public safety issues?			
One of the many steps to conduct an effective criminal investigation is examining a crime scene. This is accomplished by looking for, protecting, and gathering evidence such as fingerprints, weapons, clothing, DNA, etc. To that end, special equipment is needed. Rapid deployment at a moment's notice is crucial to investigate a crime scene in a timely manner. The equipment needed includes a large variety of items and it is critically important to carry this equipment to a crime scene and have it accessible in an efficient and timely manner. The sooner and more thoroughly we can process the scene the better chance we have to succeed. It allows detectives the ability to conduct extensive evidence collection and processing. It will also allow detectives and our crime analyst to gather real time information and access databases while at the scene to help identify victims, suspects, information, and share it in real time with deputies and other law enforcement agencies. A work station to have access to internet-based programs and information is a critical component to crime scenes in this technological era. It would also allow for a bathroom for detectives, especially females, during long periods of processing crime scenes. It would also provide the availability of a sink to wash hands for decontamination and a sanitary environment. Additionally, the Washington State Patrol Crime Scene Response Team responds to crime scenes to assist processing complex scenes at no cost. Processing of these scene ranges from hours to days at times. The lab team is comprised of mostly women requiring bathroom facilities and the ability to take breaks out of the weather and stay cool or warm. Our current 16-foot crime scene trailer is 20-years old, needs to be updated with new technology, room and storage to make crime scene processing more efficient and effective, especially during extended periods of time. Our current trailer is not equipped with amenities such as heating and air conditioning for summer or winter use, restroom, wash - decontamination station to allow investigators to use at a scene, cleaning of themselves or equipment, storage of perishable evidence needing a cold environment and has limited work spaces for evidence processing, computer work stations and equipment needing constant power. The current trailer must be towed to be deployed to crime scenes and during certain times of the year this could be problematic due to weather or if there is a need to deploy other assets needing a tow vehicle. Many remote roads and areas in the County are not accesible any time of year by towing a trailer.			

2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

Detailed request description, including intended outcomes and evidence-based examples of how public safety would be improved.

Attached are several renderings of Crime Scene Evidence Vehicles that have been solicited from several companies such as Braun Northwest, TriVan, Summit Bodyworks and EVI according to the needs of our office. Estimated quotes for the vehicle being requested have ranged from \$300,000 to \$350,000 including WSST. The final price will also include purchase of miscellaneous equipment to outfit the vehicle with equipment needed for processing crime scenes. The final design and pricing quote will be determined if the request for the PST funds for this project are approved, but will be within the \$350,000 request.

The vehicle being considered will be on a truck frame with a mounted box and access to exterior equipment compartments. The size of the vehicle could range from 24-feet to 35-feet long, with outside lighting and awnings that can be deployed from both sides of the vehicle for both evidence preservation and inclement weather for detectives/deputies.

The interior will be climate controlled with heating and air-conditioning. There will be a bathroom and provide the availability of a sink to wash hands for decontamination and a sanitary environment. There will be an on-board generator and a section for the running/charging of electronics equipment. There will be several computer work stations, with technology needed for for our crime analyst and detectives to work from. It will have an evidence refrigerator, at least one TV monitor and several white-boards for information sharing and briefings. There will be a section for evidence processing, with access to storage lockers and equipment for processing a crime scene.

Processing a major crime scene can be a very lengthy process and can take 8-12 hours or up to several days depending on the complexity of the scene. In the county, a crime scene can be in remote locations, very far from any towns or cities so investigators must be able to bring everything needed with them and be able to stay at the location for extended periods of time.

The crime scene evidence vehicle would be utilized for any major crime scene where there is a need for specialized equipment not normally available to detectives or patrol personnel or the processing of a scene that will take an extended period of time. To name some examples, this will include all homicide investigations, most fire investigations, robberies, felony assaults, drive-by shooting locations, sex crime scenes, and most Special Investigations Unit (SIU) investigations for officer involved shootings.

Having an outfitted new crime scene evidence response vehicle will provide detectives the best opportunity to process crime scenes efficiently and effectively. This will enhance their ability to discover and share information quickly in a concerted effort to identify, find and arrest dangerous suspects in a timely manner to keep our communities safe.

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Crime Scene Vehicle - PST (BIENNIUM)

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521.210	9305	New Computer & Hardware		
TOTAL			\$350,000	\$0

2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

Department / Office:	Superior Court Administration		
Request Description:	Adult Drug Court - Case Manager, FTE Position		
Funding Request Amount:	\$112,609.00 - 2 years (FC = \$45,040 for a Total \$157,649)		
Is your request a one-time funding request, or an on-going funding request (i.e. positions)?			
☐	One-Time Request	☒	On-Going Request
Executive summary of your request:			
The Adult Drug Court program has a team consisting of 3 FTE's; Drug Court Coordinator and two (2) Drug Court Case Managers. The Adult Drug Court team is requesting to increase their Adult Drug Court team by adding a third Adult Drug Court Case Manager position. Further, the Adult Drug Court Program wishes to purchase 10 location monitoring devices to assist in monitoring their participants.			
Purpose and need for the request. How does the request seek to address public safety issues?			
A Drug Court Case Manager provides supervision to participants assigned to the Benton-Franklin Adult Drug Court Program. This includes monitoring participant treatment processes, maintaining contact with community treatment agencies regarding the participant's participation and progress, assisting participants in crisis situations, maintaining contact with participant educational and/or employment programs, administering urinalysis testing, and conducting weekly meetings with the participant to complete the expectations and requirements of the Adult Drug Court Program agreements. In addition to supervision, the Case Manager coordinates treatment, housing, employment, and recreation related activities for participants in the Adult Drug Court Program. They will work with community resources in developing and maintaining programs for participants in the program. The Case Manager participates in case staffing, prepares weekly court reports, collects and enters drug court criminology data in statewide DC MIS system and provides written or verbal courtroom testimony.			

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Detailed request description, including intended outcomes and evidence-based examples of how public safety would be improved.

The Adult Drug Court program was created to give persons charged with qualifying felonies an opportunity to seriously address their addiction to drugs and alcohol and recover from their addiction. The Adult Drug Court program is an alternative to incarceration and provides the opportunity for a participant to reclaim and rebuild their life.

The Benton/Franklin Counties Adult Drug Court program is a voluntary, individualized, six-phase intervention program for adults who have been charged with one or more qualifying felony offenses and who have been unable to stay clean and sober. It is a collaborative effort of the Benton and Franklin Counties Superior Court, Benton and Franklin Counties Prosecuting Attorney's Offices, Benton and Franklin Counties Public Defender's Panels, Benton and Franklin Counties Human Services Department, Benton and Franklin Counties Sheriff's Departments, Washington State Department of Corrections, other police agencies and case management and treatment programs. The Adult Drug Court program seeks to provide a variety of programs and consistent supervision geared toward supporting and helping participants maintain a drug-free life.

The Adult Drug Court program involves frequent court appearances, strong judicial supervision, random drug testing, frequent, unscheduled home visits by drug court team members or police officers, group and individual drug/alcohol treatment, as well as other needed and assigned programs and services. The Court awards incentives for compliant behavior and progress and provides interventions for non-compliant behavior. Participants who do not comply with drug court rules and requirements may be jailed, required to engaged in volunteer hours, moved back to a previous phase in the ADC program, ordered to undergo increased treatment or be subject to a variety of other interventions. If sanctions are no longer deemed effective, the participant may also be terminated from the Adult Drug Court program.

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Existing and/or previous funding recipients – Provide a summary of completed work and its benefit to the public safety of our community, impacts to participants, and whether you met the intended goals of your funding.

In June of 2016, the Adult Drug Court program was transferred to the Public Safety Tax budget and restored to the original capacity of 45 participants, since its reduction to 30-person capacity in 2010. At this time, the Public Safety Tax budget authorized the Adult Drug Court program add a full time Drug Court Case Manager to the Adult Drug Court team to adequately manage the program.

From July 2016 through December 2018, the Adult Drug Court Program operated with a Coordinator, Case Manager and a part-time Secretary to manage 45 participants.

During the 2019-2020 Public Safety Tax budget, the Adult Drug Court program increased the number of participants again, from a 45-person Adult Drug Court program up to the projected need, under the Public Safety Tax, of a 70-person Adult Drug Court program. At this time, the part-time Secretary was increased to full-time under the Public Safety Tax budget.

During the 2021-2022 Public Safety Tax budget, the Adult Drug Court program converted it's FTE Secretary into a FTE Case Manager, in an attempt meet the growing needs of the program.

The Adult Drug Court program is in need of a 3rd FTE Case Manager to adequately fulfill the needs of their 70 participants and meet the goals and requirements of the Adult Drug Court program.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO INCLUDE WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

1. Provide a detailed, 2-year budget (2023-2024) for your program or project, including any leveraging funds to be received from other sources.

2023-2024 ADULT DRUG COURT CASE MANAGER FUNDING REQUEST

	FTE ADC Case Manager 2 Year Salary Request	Benton County share Estimate based on ADC rate of 71.43%	Franklin County share Estimate based on ADC rate of 28.57%
FTE Adult Drug Court Case Manager			
Full-Time ADC Case Manager - based on Grade 12, Step A/B/C of the 2022 Bi-County Non Bargaining Salary Schedule	\$ 106,104.00	\$ 75,790.09	\$ 30,313.91
Social Security (FICA) (7.65%)	\$ 8,116.96	\$ 5,797.94	\$ 2,319.01
Medical Insurance (\$1,047.79/month)	\$ 25,146.96	\$ 17,962.47	\$ 7,184.49
VEBA (\$225/month)	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 3,857.22	\$ 1,542.78
Retirement (10.39%)	\$ 11,024.21	\$ 7,874.59	\$ 3,149.62
Accumulated Leave (1.75%)	\$ 1,856.82	\$ 1,326.33	\$ 530.49
TOTAL 2 YEAR SALARIES/BENEFITS	\$ 157,648.94	\$ 112,608.64	\$ 45,040.30

FRANKLIN CO. COST SHARE TO BE DETERMINED DURING BUDGET PROCESS IN FALL OF 2022

2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

Department / Office:	Superior Court Administration		
Request Description:	Adult Drug Court- Electronic Home Monitoring Devices		
Funding Request Amount:	\$17,858.00	(\$7,143 - Franklin; \$25,000.00 total)	
Is your request a one-time funding request, or an on-going funding request (i.e. positions)?			
☐	One-Time Request	☒	On-Going Request
Executive summary of your request:			
The Adult Drug Court Program is requesting funding to use SCRAM alcohol monitoring devices. These devices can be used to monitor the participants alcohol consumption. SCRAM can also be used for setting curfews for participants where The Adult Drug Court Program can monitor if they are not home. This can be used as a sanction instead of using jail to monitor that they are home at the time require by the court.			
Purpose and need for the request. How does the request seek to address public safety issues?			
The purpose of using Moon Securities SCRAM monitoring devices will allow for the Adult Drug Court participants to be held accountable when it comes to drinking alcohol. Alcohol only has a two day window of detection which allows for participants to drink and not get caught more often than not. Participants are already drinking against the Adult Drug Court Program which means they are probably drinking and driving. With these devices it will allow Adult Drug Court to monitor individuals closely in hopes to eliminate the participants to not drink and drive. These devices test the participants every 30 minutes for Alcohol content. The Adult Drug Court Program will be able to track each client with through Moon Security reports.			

2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

Detailed request description, including intended outcomes and evidence-based examples of how public safety would be improved.

The Benton/Franklin Counties Adult Drug Court program is a voluntary, individualized, six-phase intervention program for adults who have been charged with one or more qualifying felony offenses and who have been unable to stay clean and sober. It is a collaborative effort of the Benton and Franklin Counties Superior Court, Benton and Franklin Counties Prosecuting Attorney's Offices, Benton and Franklin Counties Public Defender's Panels, Benton and Franklin Counties Human Services Department, Benton and Franklin Counties Sheriff's Departments, Washington State Department of Corrections, other police agencies, case management, and treatment programs. The Adult Drug Court program seeks to provide a variety of programs and consistent supervision geared toward supporting and helping participants maintain a drug-free life.

Moon Security is already working with courts in surrounding areas throughout Washington State. Their monitoring devices have been proven to minimize drinking and driving as well as consumption of alcohol.

Public safety would be improved by having less addicts drinking and driving under the influence. Further, the monitor devices would provide another layer of supervision for Adult Drug Court participants.

2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

Existing and/or previous funding recipients – Provide a summary of completed work and its benefit to the public safety of our community, impacts to participants, and whether you met the intended goals of your funding.

Currently the only way The Adult Drug Court Program is able to monitor alcohol usage is by urinalysis testing which only has a two day window for detection. Adult Drug Court is not able to test participants daily for alcohol usage.

Moon Security will provide The Adult Drug Court Program with SCRAM devices that can be placed on the participant to allow Case Managers to have closer monitoring on individuals struggling to not consume alcohol. This will be used as a tool to help hold the participant more accountable which can help with their long-term sobriety. Graduates have told Case Managers that the accountability requirement placed on them was one of the biggest components of the program that kept them sober and kept them wanting to live a healthy and sober life.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO INCLUDE WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

1. Provide a detailed, 2-year budget (2023-2024) for your program or project, including any leveraging funds to be received from other sources.

2023-2024 ADULT DRUG COURT - LOCATION MONITOR DEVICE FUNDING REQUEST

Benton County share
Estimate based on
ADC rate of 71.43%

Franklin County share
Estimate based on
ADC rate of 28.57%

Increase to 3501 for Location Monitor Devices	\$	25,000.00	\$	17,857.50	\$	7,142.50
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FRANKLIN CO. COST SHARE TO BE DETERMINED DURING BUDGET PROCESS IN FALL OF 2022

Daily cost for SCRAM monitoring through Moon Security (Supply and Support Model):

Moon Security will be responsible for supplying all equipment and monthly consumables and on-going training with all equipment. The Court will be responsible for installing, monitoring, maintenance. No upfront cost and all trainings are provided free of charge.

\$10 per day per person

\$30 daily cost (3 people per day)

365-days X \$30 (Per day for 3 people per day) = \$10,950

\$10,950 X 2 Years = \$21,9000 Total

Daily cost for SCRAM monitoring through Moon Security (Court Referral Model):

Moon Security will be responsible for installing and monitoring defendants order by the court to be on SCRAM. Moon Security will also be responsible for reporting to the Court. All training will be free of cost and access to their systems will be free as well. At the time of install the require a installation fee, consumable fee and one week daily fee.

\$75.00 plus tax (Installation fee per person)

\$15.00 plus tax (Consumable fee per person)

\$14.00 Daily rate

365-day X \$14 = \$5,110 (Per person per year)

\$5,100 X 3 people = \$15,330 (Per year to monitor 3 people)

\$15,330 X 2 years = \$30,660

\$75.00 (Installation fee) X 3 = \$270

\$15.00 (Consumable fee) X 3 = \$45

\$30,660+\$270+\$45= \$30,975 Total

Please see page 8 and 9 of the proposed budgets from Moon Security for more clarification. Going with the Supply and Support Model will best benefit Adult Drug Court as we will not have to pay the installations fee and consumable fee per person. Often there will be multiple people on SCRAM and each time a new person is ordered to have it Adult Drug Court would have to pay multiple installation and consumable fees.



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Benton Franklin County Drug Court Proposal

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Moon Security - Court Services History:

In 1996, Moon Security partnered with Pasco City Manager, Gary Crutchfield, to create the City's first Electronic Home Monitoring Program. In fact, that partnership won Mr. Gary Crutchfield the first Pathfinder Award and in the very first year of operation, the EHM Program saved the Pasco City taxpayers over \$160,000.00.

Moon Security's EHM Program has since grown to include SCRAM Alcohol Monitoring, as well as SCRAM Remote Breath Monitoring. Our Court Services Department has also expanded our locations, as we now have offices in Pasco, Spokane, Kirkland and Wenatchee, WA. We also have installer locations in Ellensburg, WA and Pendleton, OR. We service the state of Washington, Northern Idaho and Northeastern Oregon.

Why choose Moon Security?

We are a family owned and operated business. We are a business that believes in giving back to the community, through monetary donations, as well as time donations. We also have 24 years of experience in this industry. During this time, we have learned what works and what does not. We are lucky enough to be big enough to be able obtain new equipment when needed and ensure that we have the best monitoring equipment in the industry. We provide testimony services at no cost to the Court. We also offer training and transparency with all of our Programs, by granting access to our system to appropriate Court personnel. Moon Security is small enough that Court Services personnel will always be a familiar face and voice.

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SCRAM (Secured Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitor):

The SCRAM bracelet takes readings through insensible perspiration on the wearer's ankle. It is often referred to as "mindless testing" because the bracelet tests the wearer's TAC (Transdermal Alcohol Content) every 30 minutes.

SCRAMx (SCRAM & RF House Arrest)

The SCRAMx Program uses the same SCRAM bracelet above and combines it with RF or "curfew-based house arrest." This bracelet does not have active GPS. It simply monitors for alcohol and tells supervising authority if the wearer is home or if they have left.

SCRAM Remote Breath:

This is a handheld device that monitors alcohol through breath samples. It alerts the assignee, either randomly or at a predetermined time, that they need to test. While the participant is blowing into the device, it takes their picture and gives a GPS location. The SCRAM Remote Breath is equipped with Government-grade facial recognition software.

GPS (Global Positioning Satellite):

This bracelet works by actively tracking wearers minute by minute. We can see when they have a low battery, what times they charged their bracelet, if the unit has been tampered with, removed or if the straps have been cut. It also has a "pursuit mode" which gives administrators a location every 30 seconds. This bracelet has the ability to store an unlimited amount of inclusion and exclusion zones and will alert admins when a zone violation has occurred. Moon Security utilizes this bracelet for domestic violence monitoring and EHM defendants. We have also used the GPS bracelets to make sure individuals stay in the city, county, or state, as ordered by the Court.

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Ally (Electronic Monitoring with Victim Notification)

SCRAM Ally is a victim notification application that goes on the victim's cell phone. The app is then programmed to provide a mobile exclusion zone around the victim's cell phone. The defendant is then fitted with a GPS bracelet, when or if, the two individuals come within the customizable set range of distance proximity, the victim will be notified, as well as monitoring authorities.

What to Expect on EHM:

The participant or defendant schedules an appointment for installation. They are told to bring their Court order, photo ID, paystub (if they are employed) and their setup fee. Next, a breathalyzer is conducted at the time of setup to ensure the participant is not signing documents under the influence. The Administrator then sends the setup confirmation report to the Court.

Once at the appointment, the administrator fills out an application with the participant, enters in the participant's information into our GPS system and gets their application to accounting to build their profile. Administrators then install the bracelet, go over the contracts and makes sure the participant has a clear understanding of all the Program rules and requirements.

The participant then has a weekly check in with Moon Security administrators to give them their schedule for the upcoming week. To verify the participant's scheduled outings, Moon Security administrators review every participants location for the previous day, every day. If there is a zone violation, cut strap alert or device tamper we address that immediately.

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At the end of the Program, the participant returns to Moon Security's office, we remove the bracelet and send the completion report to the Court.

Program Rules:

Participants are to abstain from the use of alcohol and any illegal or mind-altering substance are prohibited. Moon Security reserves the right to send participants in for a UA or an ETG at any time.

Once every 30 days participants must meet with Moon Security administers in person.

Participants are not allowed to drive if they have a suspended or revoked license. If Moon administrators see the participant driving, it is a violation.

Participants must have a place to stay during while serving their EHM sentence. They must have access to power and access to a phone is helpful and may be required in some instances. A landline phone is not required.

The participant is to remain at home at all times with the exception of pre-approved activities. Approved activities are (unless otherwise directed from the Court) work, anything Court related, Court ordered classes or appointments. We also allow AA meetings, NA meetings and treatment. We do require proof of all the above activities. Moon Security informs participants that we have to know everywhere outside of their house that they are going, a simple gas station stop could be a violation if they do not contact the office for a schedule change.

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The participant is allowed to go grocery shopping if they live alone. We allow 2 hours once a week to one store, unless otherwise directed from the Court. We also require a receipt for every shopping outing.

The participant must charge their unit according to the instructions given at setup. The GPS device requires one charge every 24 hours for approximately 2 hours.

If a schedule change arises, participants are to contact Moon Security during regular business hours, unless it is an emergency or work related. We have an answering service and an administrator on-call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The participants are able to shower without wrapping the bracelets, however no submersion of the device is allowed, no swimming, baths, hot tubs, etc.

Who is Eligible for EHM:

In general Moon Security leaves that up to the Court to decide if a participant would be a suitable candidate for EHM. However, there are few exceptions and Moon Security reviews those exceptions on a case-by-case basis. If the defendant is in pretrial status and GPS is a requirement due to fears the defendant may try to flee, Moon Security requires a bond for the amount of the equipment. In general, Moon Security would prefer not to accept defendants with a violent weapon charge.

Moon Security also requires the defendant to have either a temporary or permanent residence to be on the Programs.

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Reports:

Moon Security will send confirmation reports when a participant has been setup, completion reports when participants completes, and we will also send violation reports. Violation reports are typically sent within 24 hours of confirmation or of the violation occurring.

Moon Security understands that each participant's monitoring needs are different, and the Court may need us to be flexible. Moon Security's Programs are completely customizable, by Court or even on a case-by-case basis. We just ask the Court provides monitoring instructions to us if they are different than the rules and regulations listed above.

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Pricing Proposal for Benton Franklin County Drug Court

Court Referral Model:

Moon Security will be responsible for installing and monitoring defendants ordered by the Court to be on EHM. Moon Security will also be responsible for reporting to the Court. All training will be free of cost and access to our systems will be free as well. At the time of install we require the installation fee, consumable fee and one week. A customized payment agreement will be filled out with the participant to ensure payment is made in full before the date of completion.

Installation Fee:	\$ 75.00 plus tax
Consumable Fee:	\$ 15.00 plus tax
EHM Daily Rate:	\$ 15.00
SCRAM Daily Rate:	\$ 14.00
SCRAM & EHM:	\$ 21.00 per day
Ally Daily Rate:	\$ 24.00 per day

Supply and Support Model:

Moon Security will be responsible for supplying all equipment and monthly consumables and on-going training with all equipment. The Court would be responsible for installing, monitoring, maintenance. No upfront costs and all trainings are provided free of charge.

Tiered Court Pay Rates:

EHM & SCRAM Monthly Monitored Days

0 – 900	\$ 10.00
901 – 1,200	\$ 9.50
1,201 – 1,499	\$ 9.00
1,500 – 1,830	\$ 8.50
1,831 +	\$ 8.00

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Court Pay:

The Court would refer defendants to Moon Security for installation and monitoring. The Court would be responsible for installation fees and daily monitoring fees. Moon Security would be responsible for reporting to the Court.

Installation Fee:	\$ 50.00
EHM Daily Rate:	\$ 10.00
SCRAM Daily Rate:	\$ 10.00
SCRAMx Daily Rate:	\$ 12.00
SCRAM & EHM:	\$ 18.00
Ally	\$ 20.00

Hybrid Model:

Can be Court pay or private pay. If private pay, private pay rates from above apply. The Court appointed officer would do the installation of the equipment, review all contracts with participant and payment agreements then send all information to Moon Security. Moon Security would do all the monitoring and reporting. Maintenance can be performed at any of the Moon Security locations or with the assigned officer. Court pay rates are below:

EHM Daily Rate:	\$10.00
SCRAM Daily Rate:	\$10.00
EHM & SCRAM:	\$16.00 per day
Ally	\$20.00 per day

Or

Tiered Court Pay Rates:

EHM & SCRAM Monthly Monitored Days

0 – 900	\$10.00
901 – 1,200	\$ 9.50
1,201 – 1,499	\$ 9.00
1,500 – 1,830	\$ 8.50
1,831 +	\$ 8.00

The monthly monitored days can be a combined total of EHM and SCRAM services.

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2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

Department / Office:	Superior Court Administration		
Request Description:	Adult Drug Court- Urinalysis Testing Supplies		
Funding Request Amount:	\$8,572.00		
Is your request a one-time funding request, or an on-going funding request (i.e. positions)?			
☐	One-Time Request	☒	On-Going Request
Executive summary of your request:			
The Adult Drug Court currently performs random drug testing by requiring urinalysis testing on the participants assigned to the Benton-Franklin Adult Drug Court Program. In July 2022 the Adult Drug Court team traveled to a conference in Tennessee where they learned the best practice is to complete a urinalysis test two times per week on each participant. Currently Adult Drug Court does not have adequate funding for UA supplies at this recommended frequency.			
Purpose and need for the request. How does the request seek to address public safety issues?			
Currently, each Adult Drug Court participant is randomly tested, by urinalysis, once every other week. Per recommendation for best outcomes, the Adult Drug Court team doesn't have the ability to test their participants weekly because of inadequate funding for the necessary supplies. Over the last few years, the Adult Drug Court team has seen an increase in use by their participants, which is not getting caught because of the lapse in time in between random urinalysis testing of their participants. In order to monitor the Adult Drug Court participants, hold them accountable, and potentially protect the public from drug abusers, performing more frequent drug testing is crucial. The Adult Drug Court program can perform the recommended, two times per week per participant, urinalysis testing if provided funding to purchase adequate supplies to complete the tests. More frequent testing will provide for a better outcome in the sobriety of participants. Further, increasing the supervision of participants will allow the community to be a safer place as participants discontinue to use drugs and commit more crimes in our community due to drug abuse.			

2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

Detailed request description, including intended outcomes and evidence-based examples of how public safety would be improved.

The Benton/Franklin Counties Adult Drug Court program is a voluntary, individualized, six-phase intervention program for adults who have been charged with one or more qualifying felony offenses and who have been unable to stay clean and sober. It is a collaborative effort of the Benton and Franklin Counties Superior Court, Benton and Franklin Counties Prosecuting Attorney's Offices, Benton and Franklin Counties Public Defender's Panels, Benton and Franklin Counties Human Services Department, Benton and Franklin Counties Sheriff's Departments, Washington State Department of Corrections, other police agencies, case management, and treatment programs. The Adult Drug Court program seeks to provide a variety of programs and consistent supervision geared toward supporting and helping participants maintain a drug-free life.

2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

Existing and/or previous funding recipients – Provide a summary of completed work and its benefit to the public safety of our community, impacts to participants, and whether you met the intended goals of your funding.

The Adult Drug Court team is currently not completing urinalysis testing on their participants weekly which can impact the success of the program.

The Adult Drug Court program is in need of more supplies for urinalysis testing to adequately fulfill the needs of supervision of participants. With more testing it will help keeping the recidivism numbers down.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO INCLUDE WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

1. Provide a detailed, 2-year budget (2023-2024) for your program or project, including any leveraging funds to be received from other sources.

2023-2024 ADULT DRUG COURT - UA SUPPLIES FUNDING REQUEST

Benton County share
Estimate based on
ADC rate of 71.43%

Franklin County share
Estimate based on
ADC rate of 28.57%

Increase to 3101 for UA Supplies	\$	12,000.00	\$	8,571.60	\$	3,428.40
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FRANKLIN CO. COST SHARE TO BE DETERMINED DURING BUDGET PROCESS IN FALL OF 2022

2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

Department / Office:	Superior Court Administration		
Request Description:	Minor Guardianship Case Manager, FTE Position		
Funding Request Amount:	\$96,306.00 for 2 years		
Is your request a one-time funding request, or an on-going funding request (i.e. positions)?			
☐	One-Time Request	☒	On-Going Request
Executive summary of your request:			
The 2019 Washington State Legislature passed 2SSB 5604, which repealed RCW 26.10 (Third-Party Custody) and implemented the Uniform Guardianship Act (UGA), effective January 1, 2021. The Uniform Guardianship Act replaces third-party custody proceedings with a Minor Guardianship Custody action. The requirements of the court under RCW 11.130 has created the need for a FTE Minor Guardianship Case Manager position.			
Purpose and need for the request. How does the request seek to address public safety issues?			
When the Court grants a minor guardianship petition under RCW Chapter 11.130, there are allegations of physical abuse, neglect, exploitation, or abandonment by the parent/guardian or a person acting for the. Under RCW 11.130.225 (3), the court may appoint an emergency guardian for a minor without notice and a hearing, if the court finds from an affidavit or testimony that the minor's health, safety, or welfare will be substantially harmed before a hearing with notice on the appointment can be held. RCW 11.130.190 requires the court to appoint an attorney to parents of minors and to minors; appoint Court Visitors and Guardian ad Litem for. It is the obligation of the court, under RCW 11.130.001, to protect the liberty and autonomy of all people of this state and to enable them to exercise their rights under the law to maximum extent, consist with the capacity of each person. Appointment of an emergency guardian is likely to prevent substantial harm to a minor's health, safety, or welfare.			

2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

Detailed request description, including intended outcomes and evidence-based examples of how public safety would be improved.

A FTE Minor Guardianship Case Manager would monitor and track all Minor Guardianship cases by preparing and filing Case Scheduling Orders, calendar trial dates, coordinate attorney appointments with each of the Offices of Public Defense, facilitate the appointment of Court Visitors and Guardian ad Litem, update and maintain case management notes for judicial officers to review, prepare JABS reports as needed for cases before the court and assist the judicial officer in tracking of deadlines, per the Case Scheduling Order. The Superior Court currently utilizes existing office staff, as time permits, with their regularly assigned duties. However, this is not sustainable. The Minor Guardianship caseload requires a full-time position to monitor case compliance with case processing time standard guidelines.

2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

Existing and/or previous funding recipients – Provide a summary of completed work and its benefit to the public safety of our community, impacts to participants, and whether you met the intended goals of your funding.

The Superior Court currently employs two (2) part-time Guardianship Monitoring Case Managers to manage the Adult Guardianship cases. The 2nd part-time Guardianship Monitoring Case Manager was approved out of the Public Safety Tax in 2019 to help with the Court's increased statutory obligations under RCW 11.92, which was repealed in January 1, 2022 and now falls under RCW 11.130, which encompasses guardianships, conservatorship, emergency guardianship, emergency conservatorship and other protective arrangement for both minors and adults. These two case managers monitor the guardians of the adult guardianship cases to ensure compliance with court orders, reporting periods, review of financial statements, research and to prepare the guardianship files for judicial review. The Guardianship Monitoring Case Managers have been instrumental in assisting the court address the backlog of these cases. Although they are still working through that backlog, it is much smaller and manageable.

Obtaining a FTE Minor Guardianship Case Manager will help to prevent yet another backlog to the Court.

Further, the Court has been entering into Interagency Agreements with the Washington State Office of the Courts to obtain reimbursement for costs incurred to the county for appointment services. While the contract does not allow for reimbursement of staff time, the reimbursement of court appointed attorneys and court visitors helps alleviate the financial burden to the county for the mandates put on the courts by RCW 11.130.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO INCLUDE WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

1. Provide a detailed, 2-year budget (2023-2024) for your program or project, including any leveraging funds to be received from other sources.

2023-2024 MINOR GUARDIANSHIP CASE MANAGER FUNDING REQUEST

	FTE Case Manager 2 Year Salary Request	Benton County share Estimate based on 2023 rate of 74%	Franklin County share Estimate based on 2023 rate of 26%
FTE Minor Guardianship Case Manager			
Full-Time Case Mgr- based on Grade 7, Step A/B/C of the 2022 Bi-County Non Bargaining Salary Schedule	\$ 83,142.00	\$ 61,525.08	\$ 21,616.92
Social Security (FICA) (7.65%)	\$ 6,360.36	\$ 4,706.67	\$ 1,653.69
Medical Insurance (\$1,047.79/month)	\$ 25,146.96	\$ 18,608.75	\$ 6,538.21
VEBA (\$225/month)	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 3,996.00	\$ 1,404.00
Retirement (10.39%)	\$ 8,638.45	\$ 6,392.46	\$ 2,246.00
Accumulated Leave (1.75%)	\$ 1,454.99	\$ 1,076.69	\$ 378.30
TOTAL 2 YEAR SALARIES/BENEFITS	\$ 130,142.76	\$ 96,305.64	\$ 33,837.12

FRANKLIN CO. COST SHARE TO BE DETERMINED DURING BUDGET PROCESS IN FALL OF 2022

(2 out of 3 bailiff positions were funded in Round 1. The remaining bailiff would have a cost of \$90,376.65)

2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

Department / Office:	Superior Court		
Request Description:	3 - FTE Bailiff Positions		
Funding Request Amount:	\$260,137.00		
Is your request a one-time funding request, or an on-going funding request (i.e. positions)?			
☐	One-Time Request	☒	On-Going Request
Executive summary of your request:			
Superior Court is in need of three (3) new FTE Bailiff positions. The Bailiff provides essential security functions to maintain order and to provide for the personal safety and security of the Superior Court courtrooms and adjacent areas. Superior Court has ten (10) judicial officers and only 6 FTE Bailiffs. Additional full-time Bailiff positions are necessary for the court to meet the needs of the public and to provide a safe environment for the public and those staffing the court.			
Purpose and need for the request. How does the request seek to address public safety issues?			
A Bailiff provides for the personal safety and security of judicial officers, court staff, jurors, litigants, witnesses, counsel, and the public. A Bailiff maintains internal and external security of Superior Court by conducting thorough inspections of the courtrooms, jury rooms and chamber areas prior to daily court proceedings. The Bailiff continues to make frequent visual checks of these areas throughout the day. Additionally, the Bailiff coordinates, monitors, and screens all individuals and activity in the courtroom, chambers, and jury room areas. The Bailiff intervenes and controls any disturbances or emergencies in the courtroom and adjacent areas. The Bailiff coordinates all security efforts with other agencies involved in the courtroom to assure the segregation of hostile groups during prisoner movements and to prepare for and preempt any disturbances in high security risk cases. During jury trials, the Bailiff provides security for jurors that report for jury duty. The Bailiff manages jurors throughout the trial process and serves as liaison between the Judge, jurors, and counsel. They further handle juror requests within the scope of authority, including monitoring telephone calls and all other outside contact with jurors.			

2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

Detailed request description, including intended outcomes and evidence-based examples of how public safety would be improved.

The court hears case types such as criminal, domestic violence, family law, and guardianship which all come with security concerns. Hearing outcomes often result in hostile litigants or inmates, along with a multitude of other disturbances and disruptions from disgruntled members within the courtroom. These increased security risks in the courtrooms make it essential to staff each courtroom with a bailiff at all times for public and court staff safety.

The Court currently has six full-time bailiff positions to cover courtroom sessions for ten judicial officers. Due to the court's bailiff shortage the court has had to run the courtrooms without security or hire hourly security services. The hourly security service company we have historically utilized often cannot provide us any security. As a result, one bailiff is covering 2 or 3 courtrooms at a time, which leaves the courtrooms frequently unattended, thus leaving court staff and the public vulnerable. The Court's bailiff shortage causes great concern, not only by the Court, but also by the Clerk of the Court, since Ms. Delvin assigns her clerks to each court session. When courtrooms are running without a bailiff, by default the clerk becomes the initial point of contact for the litigants and visitors in the courtroom. In the event a litigant or court visitor becomes disgruntled, the clerk in the courtroom would be caught in the middle should any conflict arise. Clerk of the Court, Ms. Josie Delvin, supports the Court's request for funding for 3 additional FTE Bailiff positions.

The presence of a bailiff in the courtroom acts as a deterrent, preventing attempts of any illegal activity. Having a bailiff assigned in a courtroom at all times creates awareness that a standard of behavior is to be maintained within the courtroom. The security, provided by a bailiff, in the courtroom ensures visitors feel safe and secure.

It is the priority of the court to provide a safe environment in the courtroom for both court staff and the public. Superior Court, a bailiff provides an overall peace of mind and assurance for the court staff and public.

2023-2024 INTERNAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

Existing and/or previous funding recipients – Provide a summary of completed work and its benefit to the public safety of our community, impacts to participants, and whether you met the intended goals of your funding.

The Superior Court was granted funding, during the 2021-2022 PSST Budget, for a 6th FTE Bailiff position. At that time, the court outlined the increasing costs to hire hourly security services.

2017 - \$18,228.00

2018 - \$31,737.00

2019 - \$34,798.00

2020 - \$16,830.00

The reduction of hourly security services, in 2020, was due to the onset of the COVID pandemic.

Upon hiring of our granted 6th FTE Bailiff position, the court has seen a drastic savings in hourly security services.

2021 - \$6,710.00

2022 (Jan to Mar) - \$812.00

Part of the savings is due to the continued COVID pandemic and the courts inability to hold trials. With the recent lifting of the COVID safety requirements, the court has been experiencing a high volume of cases presenting ready for trial. The court's backlog of trials is daunting and will take years to get through. In order for the court to start tackling the backlog, the court will need to run all available courtrooms. In order to run all of our courtrooms, the Court requires additional FTE bailiffs to provide adequate security for the courtrooms.

The Court is requesting 3 new, FTE, Bailiff positions in order to adequately meet the security needs and provide safe day to day operations of Superior Court. Clerk of the Court, Josie Delvin, supports this request from the Court.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO INCLUDE WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

1. Provide a detailed, 2-year budget (2023-2024) for your program or project, including any leveraging funds to be received from other sources.

2023-2024 PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING REQUESTS

REQUEST FOR THREE (3) FTE BAILIFF POSITIONS

	FTE Bailiff 2 Year Salary Request	Benton County share Estimate based on 2023 rate of 74%	Franklin County share Estimate based on 2023 rate of 26%
FTE Bailiff - Position 1			
Full-Time Bailiff- based on Grade 6, Step A/B/C of the 2022 Bi-County Bailiff Teamsters Salary Schedule	\$ 79,194.00	\$ 58,603.56	\$ 20,590.44
Social Security (FICA) (7.65%)	\$ 6,058.34	\$ 4,483.17	\$ 1,575.17
Medical Insurance (\$1,140.60/month)	\$ 27,374.40	\$ 20,257.06	\$ 7,117.34
Retirement (10.25%)	\$ 8,117.39	\$ 6,006.86	\$ 2,110.52
Accumulated Leave (1.75%)	\$ 1,385.90	\$ 1,025.56	\$ 360.33
TOTAL 2 YEAR SALARIES/BENEFITS BAILIFF POSITION 1	\$ 122,130.02	\$ 90,376.22	\$ 31,753.81

FTE Bailiff - Position 2

Full-Time Bailiff- based on Grade 6, Step A/B/C of the 2022 Bi-County Bailiff Teamsters Salary Schedule	\$ 79,194.00	\$ 58,603.56	\$ 20,590.44
Social Security (FICA) (7.65%)	\$ 6,058.34	\$ 4,483.17	\$ 1,575.17
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Retirement (10.25%)	\$ 8,117.39	\$ 6,006.86	\$ 2,110.52
Accumulated Leave (1.75%)	\$ 1,385.90	\$ 1,025.56	\$ 360.33
TOTAL 2 YEAR SALARIES/BENEFITS BAILIFF POSITION 2	\$ 122,130.02	\$ 90,376.22	\$ 31,753.81

FTE Bailiff - Position 3

Full-Time Bailiff- based on Grade 6, Step A/B/C of the 2022 Bi-County Bailiff Teamsters Salary Schedule	\$ 79,194.00	\$ 58,603.56	\$ 20,590.44
Social Security (FICA) (7.65%)	\$ 6,058.34	\$ 4,483.17	\$ 1,575.17
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Accumulated Leave (1.75%)	\$ 1,385.90	\$ 1,025.56	\$ 360.33
TOTAL 2 YEAR SALARIES/BENEFITS BAILIFF POSITION 3	\$ 122,130.02	\$ 90,376.22	\$ 31,753.81

TOTAL FOR 2 FTE BAILIFF POSITIONS	\$ 244,260.04	\$ 180,752.43	\$ 63,507.61
TOTAL FOR 3 FTE BAILIFF POSITIONS	\$ 366,390.06	\$ 271,128.65	\$ 95,261.42
<i>(based on 2 year budget)</i>			

FRANKLIN CO. COST SHARE TO BE DETERMINED DURING BUDGET PROCESS IN FALL OF 2022

PROPOSAL APPLICATION FOR PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS SUPPORTING THE
BENTON COUNTY GANG & CRIME PREVENTION INITIATIVE

Organization Name:	Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton and Franklin Counties
Title of Program or Project:	Kennewick Clubhouse
Funding Request Amount: (maximum \$700,000)	\$550,000
Executive summary of your program or project:	
Our Clubs are committed to serving all youth, especially those who need us most. 5 years ago, we identified a neighborhood in Kennewick in desperate need of a Boys & Girls Club. In a ten-block area located near Park Middle School, more than 1,000 school-age children and teens live in thirteen Section 8 apartment complexes and surrounding homes. This neighborhood is the most diverse in our community, with more than 75% of residents being youth of color and over 20 different languages spoken. In January of 2019, we opened the doors to our Kennewick Clubhouse with the goal of breaking the cycle of crime, poverty, and hopelessness that has plagued this area. We know that our work in this area is making a difference to hundreds of children and families. However, change takes time, especially when overcoming the challenges that come with poverty – lower academic performance, chronic absenteeism, underemployment, increased crime, and housing and food insecurity – which abound in this neighborhood. We have begun the process of integrating into this community with great success, and Benton County’s support of this Clubs operations will sustain this life-changing work.	
Purpose, vision, and/or mission of your organization:	
The Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton and Franklin Counties (BGCBFC) is committed to empowering all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. Since 1996, BGCBFC has helped thousands of local children claim great futures through our award-winning programs and life-changing mentorships. We currently offer 27 Club sites throughout our region serving over 2,228 youth ages 0-18 each year. Consistent with our values of Respect, Integrity, Stewardship, and Passion for Youth; we provide a broad range of programs and activities focused on our priority outcomes of Academic Success, Healthy Lifestyles, and Good Character and Citizenship.	

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Purpose and need for the program or project. How does the program or project seek to address gang and crime prevention and/or overall public safety?

The Kennewick Clubhouse is 20,000 sq. ft. youth facility located at the corner of 7th and Jean St. near downtown Kennewick. Our traditional Clubhouses intentionally operate in at-risk neighborhoods where there is a great need for positive after school programming. These Clubhouses are open to all youth ages 6-18 years. Membership rates are \$20 per year for grade school youth and free for teens removing any financial barrier associated with accessing programs.

The neighborhood where the Kennewick Clubhouse is located is the most diverse in our community, with more than 75% of residents being youth of color and over 208 different languages spoken. Over 96% of the families in this area qualify for free or reduced lunch. Of those 450 active youth members utilizing the Clubhouse, more than 97% qualify for free or reduced lunch.

The State of Washington contracted with researchers from Arizona State University in 2015 to assess the scope and nature of the gang problem in Benton and Franklin Counties. The assessment found that the area near Park Middle School in Kennewick had two of the three notable disadvantage components that constitute areas of higher gang activity. This neighborhood has a significantly higher proportion of young male renters and of socio-economic familial disadvantages. The authors also interviewed detained youth from Benton and Franklin Counties. Youth that were involved with a gang were much more likely to be in fights and carry illegal weapons. The assessment also notes that respondents reported that they first started “hanging out” with, or joined the gang at about 12 years of age

For over 20 years, BGCBFC has been the answer for children and teens throughout the Tri-Cities area that need a safe and caring place to be during the critical after-school hours that would otherwise find them at home alone or on the streets. We know we are making a difference. 62% of Club Alumni say that the Boys & Girls Club saved their life.

The Kennewick Clubhouse is open more than 250 days a year—on weekdays after school, and during the summer months when youth have free time and need positive, productive outlets. This Clubhouse offers youth a support system of caring adults and mentors that are consistent and positive influences in their lives, walking beside them on their way to a great future.

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Detailed program or project description, including intended outcomes and evidence-based examples of how your program or project improves public safety.

The Tri-Cities Gang Assessment states that the top reasons that local youth join gangs include protection, to make friends, to belong, and to make money. The assessment recommends a holistic approach to addressing community gang problems that includes prevention, intervention and suppression.

Boys & Girls Clubs are the opposite of a gang, though we provide many of the benefits that gang members are searching for. At the Club, we provide youth a sense of belonging, usefulness, influence, and competence. This is our Youth Development Strategy. Criminal street gangs provide these same opportunities to youth, but in a way that damages the framework of our society rather than building it up. The Kennewick Clubhouse is a place where youth find a place to belong and make friends. It is a place where children, teens, and their families can rest assured knowing they are safe and protected. The Club is a resource to the community, offering positive and empowering programs at a cost of no more than \$20 per year.

Our Clubs have a history of changing the trajectory of at-risk youth by engaging them in impactful and empowering programs. The Boys & Girls Club is a lot more than a safe, supervised location, though that is an important part of who we are. We do not just want to provide Kennewick youth with a place to go – we also want to encourage them to grow and flourish in life. When children and teens visit our Kennewick Clubhouse, they are provided with the tools and relationships needed to excel academically, lead a healthy life and grow into a productive and caring citizen.

Academic Success means that we are committed to keeping our Club members on track to graduate. We help them every day with their homework and work hard to get them back in school if they drop out. We are helping teen members prepare for college, trade school, military or employment.

Healthy Lifestyles means encouraging our youth to take care themselves. Modeling and teaching healthy lifestyles is important at the Club. Our youth members learn to eat healthy and stay active through fun activities, as well as make healthy lifestyle choices to protect their futures.

Good Character and Citizenship is teaching our kids that they can make a difference in their community. We believe in them and, because of this, we hope they will begin to believe in themselves. Our Club members will be active in the community as volunteers and become leaders in their school and/or social circles.

Central to all activities are relationships with positive and caring adults. Our team of supportive professionals will be there to walk beside these children and teens. They will empower them daily to be the best they can be. Our Club members will always have an advocate and mentor, regardless of where they come from.

Studies from the Institute for Social Research and School of Public Health at the University of Michigan show that every dollar invested in Boys & Girls Club generates \$12.30 of positive economic impacts in our local community.

Goals and outcomes for Kennewick Clubhouse operations include: 1) enrolling or maintaining an enrollment of 150 teen members throughout the calendar year, 2) enrolling or maintaining an enrollment of 175 elementary age members throughout the calendar year, 3) Maintain an average daily attendance of at least 60 teens and 70 grade school youth per day during school year program months, 4) Teen members attend the Club at least 2 days per week, on average, during school year and elementary youth 3 days per week on average, 5) 65 teens will participate in special events or community outreach activities each year, 6) Ensure 200 volunteer hours are completed by teens each calendar year

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Key partnerships that will be leveraged as part of the program or project.

Our Clubs have a history of building strong community partnerships, especially with municipalities and school districts. We have a strong partnerships with the Kennewick School District and especially Park Middle School, The Kennewick Police Department, school district and local community business owners were very active in the capital campaign to build this Clubhouse and have been strong advocates for the past 5 years.

A few years ago, the City of Kennewick and Kennewick School district funded a walking path ensuring safe access from Park Middle School. Middle school youth walking through the apartment complexes to the Club were being harassed and recruited for gang involvement. This new path should assist in alleviating this challenge.

We also work closely with programmatic partnerships to deliver services to children, youth, and families at our Kennewick Clubhouse. Additional organizations we collaborate with include the Family Learning Center, Tri-Cities Community Health, YoungLife, Benton Franklin Health Districts, Second Harvest, The Kennewick Police Department, Family Learning Center, HAPO, Park Middle School, Amistad Elementary, Columbia Basin College, Key Connection, Kennewick Kiwanis, and Communities In Schools.

Similar work your organization has done previously.

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BGCBFC offers 27 locations throughout Benton and Franklin Counties at this time; these include three traditional drop-in Clubs – one in Pasco, one in Kennewick, and one in Prosser. We also offer a specialty Music and Arts Center in Kennewick.

Additionally, we have built strong community partnerships that have allowed us to offer 17 before and after school sites in elementary schools throughout Pasco, Richland and West Richland. These clubs provide fee based childcare services and are licensed by the state. The licensed care sites have all undergone extensive training to provide the best care possible to children. We are also unique in that we offer early learning services throughout our community. Currently, we have two preschools in Pasco, two preschools in Richland, and a preschool at the Kennewick Clubhouse. As we built partnerships with our local schools, we noted a significant need for services to teen parents and their children. We are able to support teen parents in continuing their education by providing a nursery on campus at New Horizon's High School. While the traditional and licensed care sites may have different fees, the guiding principles and mission is the same. We are always focused on empowering all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens.

We are positively impacting the lives of more than 540 youth a day and nearly 2,228 a year. 72% of our members' youth of color and 68% qualify for free or reduced school lunch.

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Please list and describe any previous funding received from the Public Safety Sales Tax, any projects or programs conducted on behalf of or for government agencies, or any public-private partnerships entered into.

The Kennewick Clubhouse received operational support from the Public Safety Tax for 2019-2020 in the amount of \$100,000 per year and \$150,000 per year in 2021-2022. Additionally, the Kennewick Club receives some support through the state Food Program which reimburses our Clubs for meals and snacks.

Our Clubs have also received Public Safety Sales Tax funding for our Prosser Teen Program at the Prosser Clubhouse. We have received \$75,000 per year for 2019-2020 and \$100,000 per year for 2020-2022.

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Existing and/or previous funding recipients – Provide a summary of completed work and its benefit to the public safety of our community, impacts to participants, etc.

We know that our work at the Kennewick Clubhouse and the support of the Benton County Public Safety Tax is making a difference to hundreds of children and families. However, change takes time, especially when overcoming the challenges that come with poverty. Over 912 children and teens have attended the Club since opening our doors in 2019. Many of these children and teens have some type of connection to gangs, either witnessing the effects or being directly involved.

Our current Youth of the Year and Kennewick Club Member shared the impact of having positive role models at the Kennewick Club, both in the form of staff and other youth. This high school teen has grown up in a neighborhood where drive-by shootings, robberies, murders, and drug dealings have become normalized. The Club has been a sanctuary for this young teen and a place where she hopes to, one day, find a way to bring a positive change to her neighborhood in ways that the Club has shown her.

Stories like this are not uncommon to our staff, and each month a new one emerges. While we are able to positively impact the life of many youth and save them from the gang lifestyle, there is much work to be done. Not long ago, a Club member who had left the gang and was making positive choices lost contact with the Club due to the COVID pandemic. This member was later arrested in connection to the gang related homicide. This has been terribly heart-breaking to our staff and further illustrates the necessity of this work and that it continues.

BGCBFC has met or remained on track to meet all measurables outlined the 2020-2022 project including enrolment of teen and school age youth, average daily attendance goals, youth outreach and youth volunteer activities/hours.

Kennewick Program Investment

Item	Description	per week	per year	2023-2024 Total	PSST Request 2023-2024
Personnel Expenses					
Chief Executive Officer	1 hour per week x \$50 per hour	\$ 50.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 3,100.00
Chief Program Operations Officer	10 hours per week x \$35 per hour	\$ 350.00	\$ 18,200.00	\$ 36,400.00	\$ 20,760.00
Chief Development Officer	1 hour per week x \$35 per hour	\$ 35.00	\$ 1,820.00	\$ 3,640.00	\$ 2,930.00
Chief Finance Officer	1 hour per week X \$35 per hour	\$ 35.00	\$ 1,820.00	\$ 3,640.00	\$ 2,930.00
Branch Director	Administrative oversight 40 hrs per week x \$30 per hour	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 62,400.00	\$ 124,800.00	\$ 110,800.00
Program Director	Planning, preparing, & implementing programs 20 hrs per week x \$25 per hour	\$ 500.00	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 37,200.00
Teen Program Coordinator	Planning, preparing, & implementing programs 40 hrs per week x \$20 per hour	\$ 800.00	\$ 41,600.00	\$ 83,200.00	\$ 78,720.00
Program Support Staff	200 hrs per week x \$16.00 per hour	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 166,400.00	\$ 332,800.00	\$ 293,560.00
	Subtotal:	\$ 6,170.00	\$ 320,840.00	\$ 641,680.00	\$ 550,000.00
Benefit Allocation	15% (PT and FT average)	\$ 925.50	\$ 48,126.00	\$ 96,252.00	
	Total Personnel Expenses:	\$ 7,095.50	\$ 368,966.00	\$ 737,932.00	\$ 550,000.00
Supplies					
Program Supplies	Average of \$1,000 per month x 12 months to run a variety of programs		\$ 12,000.00	\$ 24,000.00	
Participation Incentives	\$250 per month x 12 months		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	
Teen Late Nights	\$250 per event x 24 events per year		\$ 6,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	
Food for Programs	Snacks and dinner		\$ 90,000.00	\$ 180,000.00	
Office & Janitorial Supplies	\$500 per month		\$ 6,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	
	Supply Expenses:		\$ 117,000.00	\$ 234,000.00	
Other					
Furniture	Furniture for program spaces		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	
Field Trip Expense	Experiential learning opportunities		\$ 6,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	
Fuel for Field Trips	\$100 per month x 12 months		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,400.00	
Vehicle Maintenance	Maintenance of Club Van		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	
Staff Training	Staff development and program training		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	
Outreach Materials	"The Club" outreach including lanyards, pens, shirts, pop-sockets		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	
Program Curriculum	Prevention program curriculum and various sets from Boys & Girls Clubs of America		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	
Utilities & Maintenance	Monthly utilities \$5,000 per month x 12 months		\$ 60,000.00	\$ 120,000.00	
Printing and Postage	\$250 per month x 12 months		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	
	Other Expenses:		\$ 84,700.00	\$ 169,400.00	
	Expense Total:		\$ 570,666.00	\$ 1,141,332.00	\$ 550,000.00

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton and Franklin Counties appreciates the consideration of a \$550,000 investment of the Kennewick Program. An investment of \$550,000 will support 48% of the total cost of program implementation and operation at the Kennewick Boys & Girls Club.

PROPOSAL APPLICATION FOR PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS SUPPORTING THE
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Organization Name:	Communities In Schools of Benton-Franklin
Title of Program or Project:	Benton County CISBF Wrap-Around Services
Funding Request Amount: (maximum \$700,000)	\$700,000
Executive summary of your program or project:	
Communities In Schools of Benton-Franklin (CISBF) builds partnerships within schools and communities that address systemic barriers and personal obstacles to ensure every student regardless of race, gender, ability, or socioeconomic background has access to the tools and opportunities necessary to succeed in school and life. Currently, CISBF has school-based Site Coordinators serving in 26 schools throughout four school districts in Benton county, with that number increasing to 28 schools in the 2022-23 school year. Our staff walk alongside students everyday to address matters ranging from food and housing insecurity to mental health concerns, family trauma, and educational inequities. We advocate for and empower students and families to confront and address the barriers standing between themselves and a successful future. The impact of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated longstanding challenges and systemic inequities our students face that are likely to be felt for a generation. Investments in whole-child,integrated student supports are a vital lifeline to ensure student success in the classroom and beyond. It can effectively be argued the health and safety of our community are at stake when considering these investments.	
Purpose, vision, and/or mission of your organization:	
Communities In Schools is a national organization, founded in 1977, working inside schools, full-time, to build relationships that foster resiliency among youth; empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. Communities In Schools of Benton-Franklin, an independent affiliate founded in 2014, implements the evidence-based national model of site coordination for delivering Integrated Student Supports within schools. Strong collaboration with partnering schools paves the way for school-based Site Coordinators to provide individualized support for youth most at-risk for disengagement and academic failure. CISBF Site Coordinators build transformative relationships with students and their families to connect them with the resources and opportunities necessary to succeed in the classroom and beyond. Site Coordinators also coordinate school-wide activities and supports accessible to any student in the school; such as: food and hygiene pantries, attendance initiatives, and family engagement events. Community partners, like the Benton-Franklin Health District, Richland and Kennewick Police Departments, Richland Fire Department and others are instrumental to fulfilling our mission by providing in-kind support, volunteers, and removal of barriers to necessary services that surround students with a community of support. Many of these partnerships have been strengthened as we've weathered the COVID-19 pandemic together to come alongside families to meet them where they're at. The ability to re-imagine service delivery as we strive to re-engage students is a unique opportunity presented by the pandemic. A return to a status quo, that was not working for many of our youth pre-COVID, is not an option and CISBF is uniquely positioned to build a more equitable path forward.	

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Purpose and need for the program or project. How does the program or project seek to address gang and crime prevention and/or overall public safety?

Countless bodies of research have clearly shown one of the most effective methods of preventing crime is to invest in kids. An investment in CISBF provides communities a valuable tool in addressing public health and safety. The National Dropout Prevention Center reports "75% of America's state prison inmates and 59% of federal prison inmates did not complete high school and that high school dropouts are 3.5 times more likely than high school graduates to be arrested in their lifetime." In addition, "each year's class of dropouts will cost the country over \$200 billion during their lifetimes in lost earnings and unrealized tax revenue; while increasing minority students participation in college to the same percentage as white students would create an additional \$231 billion in GDP and at least \$80 billion in new tax revenues".

CISBF is proud to report that each year, 98% of our high school students are promoted or graduate and 99% of our high school youth stay in school. Individualized supports, tailored to meet the specific needs and circumstance of each case-managed student, serve to increase engagement and keep students on-track to graduate. CISBF Site Coordinators also provide opportunities throughout the year for students to connect with community members to explore post graduate plans and opportunities. We know it is critically important to help our youth grasp, from an early age, all the possibilities that await them as well as to assist them in building a strong foundation and network that empowers them to achieve their dreams.

A 2012 EMSI study found that for every \$1 invested in Communities In Schools, \$11.60 worth of economic benefit back to local communities in the form of decreased incarceration rates, increased tax revenues, and decreased dependency on social welfare programs.

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Detailed program or project description, including intended outcomes and evidence-based examples of how your program or project improves public safety.

Each school-based Site Coordinator will manage a caseload of 45 students receiving individualized wrap-around supports, while concurrently delivering school-wide supports designed to increase school-wide attendance and family engagement. CISBF Site Coordinators conduct an annual School Needs Assessment, in collaboration with their school support teams, that will inform each year's School Support Plan.

This plan clearly identifies a referral process for prioritizing students for case management support as well as defining a school wide goal. For each student receiving case management support, a Student Support Plan is developed after completion of a comprehensive Student Needs Assessment. The Site Coordinator works with each student and family to determine an Academic, Behavior, or Attendance goal for the year as well as an individualized plan for achieving success. Student progress is formally monitored at each grading period and the plan is adjusted as needed throughout the school year.

Communities In Schools of Benton-Franklin is data-driven organization. Every interaction, intervention, consultation, outreach and advocacy effort, is documented in CISDM (the National Communities In Schools data tracking-system). As Site Coordinators evaluate student progress towards goals, they are subsequently evaluating the efficacy of the interventions and services being delivered, while making adjustments as needed. This process also ensures consistency in service delivery as our students often move throughout schools and districts.

In addition to delivering case management support to students, Site Coordinators are also tasked with establishing and monitoring a school-wide goal each school year. In the vast majority of schools supported by CISBF, this goal is attendance. Attendance support comes in many forms ranging from weekly/monthly classroom competitions, awareness campaigns, school culture and climate initiatives, and student recognition and incentives, to name a few.

As cited in the previous section, high school graduates are 3.5 times LESS likely to be arrested in their lifetimes. Investments in youth and prevention/intervention services that decrease dropout rates and increase graduation rates (as Communities In Schools has been proven to do) subsequently increases tax revenue and decreases incarceration rates and dependency on social welfare programs while directly impacting the economic health of communities. In addition, the individualized supports provided by a CISBF Site Coordinator allows students in need of mental health services to receive necessary care in a much more efficient manner than they often otherwise would. The evidence is very clear that early intervention is critical in the effective treatment of mental health disorders. The presence of a Site Coordinator to coordinate care and provide direct support and advocacy to students around their mental health is essential to improving outcomes.

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Key partnerships that will be leveraged as part of the program or project.

One of the greatest strengths of our program is our ability to build and leverage strategic partnerships. There are countless agencies, organizations, and businesses providing supportive services throughout our communities and CISBF is uniquely positioned to connect those services to schools, students, and families. Navigation of and access to available community resources can often be quite cumbersome and confusing, particularly in the midst of a crisis. The role of a CISBF Site Coordinator to walk alongside and empower families to seek a hand-up is invaluable.

Please see below for a list of our key partnerships:

*Richland, Pasco, Kennewick, Finley, and Prosser School Districts: we work in direct partnership with each district we serve to ensure the investment they make in CISBF has the greatest possible impact on student success.

*Benton-Franklin Health District: CISBF Site Coordinators participate in numerous community coalitions to ensure our team is aware of available opportunities to link families to needed supports. BFHD staff have consistently supported professional development efforts by providing training opportunities as well as invitations to many collaborative sessions to effectively address social determinants of health as well as to provide input to BFHD's Community Health Needs Assessment.

*Richland and Kennewick Police Departments: we have collaborated with both departments around several key initiatives from Shop with a Cop, the Community Cares funds, pedestrian and bike safety, college and career events, mobile markets, and routine partnership with School Resources Officers in the schools we serve.

*Safe Harbor Support Center: we are collaborative grantees on a Social Determinants of Health Grant, funded by 3 Rivers Community Foundation, to prevent homelessness. One-time assistance up to \$500 is available to families at threat of losing their housing.

*Coordinated Care, Community Health Plan of Washington, Molina: each of the manager care organizations has provided funding and/or event sponsorship as well as attendance at school events to provide outreach and education to students and families.

*Goodwill and Worksource: these partnerships have allowed us to bring representatives directly into our schools for employment assistance, resume writing and interview skills.

*HAPO, Numerica, STCU, and GESA: partnerships with our local credit unions have provided grant funding, event sponsorships, and financial literacy education for students and parents.

*Richland Fire Department: this partnership has provided literacy support to Richland Elementary students via the lunchtime Fired Up to Read program that pairs students with on-duty firefighters.

*Domestic Violence Services: this partnership allows for delivery of the evidence-based Girls Circle and Boys Council curriculum throughout many of our schools. Site Coordinators co-facilitate these groups with DVSBF staff who have received 40 hours of training in the evidence-based empowerment curriculum.

*Martha's Cupboard: this ministry assembles personal care bags our staff are able to provide to families unable to afford household essentials and hygiene items

*Columbia Basin College: the college has provided student athletes to engage with students at several of our elementary schools during recess as well as representatives for college and career nights in our secondary schools.

*2nd Harvest: we partner with 2nd Harvest to deliver weekend food bags to students receiving Bite 2 Go support.

*Faith-based organizations: many of our Site Coordinators have built strong partnerships with neighboring churches to their schools. These faith-based organizations provide food, rental, utility and holiday assistance.

Similar work your organization has done previously.

While CISBF has been engaged in this work for just over seven years, the COVID-19 crisis and its aftermath have proven just how responsive, adaptable and effective our team, and our model, can be. Through school closures, hybrid learning, return to school and student re-engagement, CISBF has clearly demonstrated an ability to meet students and families where they are in order to empower them with the necessary tools to weather this storm. While the urgency of the crisis may feel like it is in our rear view, the impact on already marginalized communities is likely to be felt for a generation. CISBF is uniquely positioned to meet this challenge and to walk-alongside our youth to build a better, brighter future.

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Please list and describe any previous funding received from the Public Safety Sales Tax, any projects or programs conducted on behalf of or for government agencies, or any public-private partnerships entered into.

Communities In Schools of Benton-Franklin was previously funded in the 2018 and 2020 funding cycles. In 2018, Communities In Schools of Benton-Franklin was funded for \$236,156.16 and in 2020 were funded for \$236,157.00.

Prior to school building closure, CISBF partnered with the Benton & Franklin Counties Superior Court around truancy intervention. CISBF staff attended Truancy Court, and collaborated with truancy staff and volunteers to provide support and connection to services for youth and families. Site Coordinators then followed-up with students attending schools that had a CISBF Site Coordinator or gave them direction to connect with a school staff if the school did not have a CISBF presence. Communities In Schools of Benton-Franklin is listed as an intervention resource:

<http://www.benton-franklinsuperiorcourt.com/juvenile-justice/intervention-services/truancy/>. While Truancy Court is no longer in session, CISBF has maintained a strong partnership with the truancy staff to collaboratively serve and support youth.

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Existing and/or previous funding recipients – Provide a summary of completed work and its benefit to the public safety of our community, impacts to participants, etc.

*Service Numbers 2020-21

18, 866 Students Received School Wide Services

780 Students Received Case Managed Support

8,530 Parents Were Engaged

*Ethnicity

49.9% Hispanic/Latino

36.2% White

11.0% Multiracial

1.7% Black/African American

0.6% Other

0.3% American Indian/Alaska Native

0.3% Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

*Gender

51.3% male

47.5% female

.5% transgender male

.3% nonbinary

.4% unknown

Risk Factors

97% Economically Disadvantaged

29% English Language Learners

13% Homeless

7% Incarcerated Parents

23% Special Education

93% Exposed to Trauma

High School Students

98% Were Promoted or Graduated

99% Stayed in School

Goal Outcomes

100% improved Behavior

94% improved Academics

75% improved Attendance

The students served by CISBF are undoubtedly up against many significant barriers; however, our program outcomes clearly indicate those risk factors can be mitigated by the presence of highly skilled, compassionate adults working in schools every day to empower, advocate for and expand opportunities for youth. Building skills around social emotional wellness, improving access to mental health services, addressing food and housing insecurity, while maintaining a whole-child approach dramatically increases resiliency in youth and allows them to thrive in the classroom and beyond. Bridging the divide between home and school via empathic, culturally sensitive family outreach and engagement only further strengthens this resiliency.

Benton County CISBF Wrap-Around Services

Communities In Schools of Benton-Franklin

BENTON COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX 2023-2024 PROGRAM BUDGET

DESCRIPTION	TOTAL 2023 BUDGET	2023-2024 BENTON COUNTY PSST FUNDING 17.5%
Benton County CISBF Wrap-Around service cost of Benefits	\$ 242,304.00	\$ 42,403.20
Benton County CISBF Wrap-Around service cost of Salaries	\$ 1,476,772.00	\$ 258,435.10
Benton County CISBF Wrap-Around service cost of Taxes	\$ 221,516.00	\$ 38,765.30
Benton County CISBF Outreach Service Reimbursements	\$ 40,350.00	\$ 7,061.25
Total	\$ 1,980,942.00	\$ 346,664.85

DESCRIPTION	TOTAL 2024 BUDGET	2023-2024 BENTON COUNTY PSST FUNDING 17.5%
Benton County CISBF Wrap-Around service cost of Benefits	\$ 243,633.00	\$ 42,635.78
Benton County CISBF Wrap-Around service cost of Salaries	\$ 1,521,075.00	\$ 266,188.13
Benton County CISBF Wrap-Around service cost of Taxes	\$ 228,162.00	\$ 39,928.35
Benton County CISBF Outreach Service Reimbursements	\$ 40,350.00	\$ 7,061.25
Total	\$ 2,033,220.00	\$ 355,813.50

Total Cost	\$ 4,014,162.00	\$ 702,478.35
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Year	2023	2024
Leveraged Funds (School Districts, private funding, grants, etc.)	\$ 1,634,280.00	\$ 1,677,410.00
Leveraged In-Kind (Private, business, non-profits, volunteer hours, etc.)	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 270,000.00

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Organization Name:	Benton-Franklin Health District (BFHD)
Title of Program or Project:	Nurse Family Partnership
Funding Request Amount: (maximum \$700,000)	\$604,753.00
Executive summary of your program or project:	
Nurse-Family Partnership® (NFP) is the gold standard of evidence-based, community health programs helping transform the lives of babies born to first-time parents facing a range of challenges to breaking the cycle of intergenerational poverty. Families enrolled in NFP face significant challenges to leading healthy lives and overcoming adversity. NFP addresses these challenges by partnering expectant parents with a registered nurse at a pivotal moment — beginning early in pregnancy with a first child – and providing ongoing nurse home visits that continue through the child’s second birthday. NFP is among the most proven and widely replicated programs during this critical period that has dramatic and lasting impacts on the health and wellbeing of vulnerable families. Independent research proves that communities also benefit from this relationship — every dollar invested in Nurse-Family Partnership can yield more than five dollars in return for families at highest risk. Nurse-Family Partnership Goals: 1. Improve pregnancy outcomes by partnering with moms to engage in good preventive health practices, including thorough prenatal care from their healthcare providers, improving their diets and reducing any use of habit-forming substances; 2. Improve child health and development by assisting families provide responsible and competent care; and 3. Improve the economic self-sufficiency of the family by supporting parents to develop a vision for their own future, plan additional pregnancies, continue their education and find work.	
Purpose, vision, and/or mission of your organization:	
Vision BFHD is a proactive leader uniting knowledgeable staff and proven practices with strong partners and informed residents to form a resilient, healthy community where all of us can learn, work, play, and thrive to our greatest potential. Mission BFHD provides all people in our community the opportunity to live full, productive lives by promoting healthy lifestyles, preventing disease and injury, advancing equity, and protecting our environment.	

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Purpose and need for the program or project. How does the program or project seek to address gang and crime prevention and/or overall public safety?

Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) is most often cited as the most effective intervention to prevent child abuse and neglect, which contributes to childhood injury. Injury, in turn is the leading cause of death for children from age one to early adulthood. During the time the child is enrolled in NFP, the initial trials and subsequent follow-up research of NFP families show that NFP children had:

- 39% fewer healthcare encounters for injuries or poison ingestions in the first two years of life among children born to mothers with low psychological resources*
 - 56% reduction in emergency room visits for accidents and poisonings in the second year of the child's life*
 - 48% reduction in state-verified reports of child abuse and neglect by child age 15 *
- After the family graduates from NFP, effects continue to be seen.
- 67% reduction in 12-year-old children's use of cigarettes, alcohol, or marijuana*
 - 28% reduction in 12-year old's' mental health problems (depression and anxiety)*
 - 59% reduction in arrests by child age 15*
 - 90% reduction in adjudication as PINS (person in need of supervision) for incorrigible behavior*
 - 61% fewer arrests of mothers by child age 15*
 - 72% fewer convictions of mothers by child age 15*

*Citations available upon request

Because Benton-Franklin Health District NFP repeatedly demonstrates fidelity to the NFP model, we can expect to see these changes in our clients. While clients enrolled in our Franklin County NFP program have more risk factors according to the Home Visiting Needs Assessment, the women in our Benton County program demonstrate a higher severity of risk than those in Franklin County.

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Detailed program or project description, including intended outcomes and evidence-based examples of how your program or project improves public safety.

Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) provides low-income, first-time mothers of any age with home-visitation services from public health nurses. It addresses substance abuse and other behaviors that contribute to family poverty, subsequent pregnancies, poor maternal and infant outcomes, suboptimal childcare, and limited opportunities for the children.

The nurses work intensively with the mothers to improve maternal, prenatal, and early childhood health and well-being, with the expectation that this intervention will achieve long-term improvements in the lives of at-risk families. The intervention process concentrates on developing therapeutic relationships with the family and is designed to improve five broad domains of family functioning, to include: parental roles, family and friend support, physical and mental health, home and neighborhood environment, and major life events (e.g., pregnancy planning, education, employment).

Home visits by nurses are conducted during the woman's pregnancy and continue until the child reaches 24 months of age. Maternal and child health nurses meet with each first-time mother in 64 planned home visits over 2 ½ years. Prenatally, they focus on preventive health and prenatal practices for the mother• helping her find appropriate prenatal care, improve her diet, and reduce her use of tobacco, alcohol, and illegal substances. Additionally, maternal and child health nurses help the mother prepare emotionally for the arrival of the baby. Post-birth, they focus on health and developmental education, focusing on child milestones and behaviors and teaching parents to use praise. They also focus on coaching the mothers and their families in planning for their future, staying in school, finding employment, and planning future pregnancies.

NFP has more than 35 years of evidence from randomized, controlled trials that prove the effectiveness of this community healthcare program. An investment in NFP yields not only quantifiable social benefits, like improved prenatal health, improved child health and development, and increased economic self-sufficiency, but also a substantial return on the community's investment in the program. Independent research proves that for every public health dollar invested in a local Nurse Family Partnership program, communities can realize more than five dollars in return due to savings in social services, healthcare, and criminal justice costs. By joining forces with NFP, communities change the lives of their most vulnerable citizens, and thereby create a better, safer, and stronger community not just for today, but for generations to come. NFP has consistent evidence, based upon replicated randomized controlled trials with different populations living in different contexts that show:

- 50% reduction in language delays by child age 21 months *
- 67% reduction in behavioral and emotional problems at child age *
- 46% increase in father presence in household by child age *
- 30-month reduction in use of AFDC-TANF among mothers who were poor and unmarried at registration*
- 7 month (or 82%) increase in labor force participation 4 years after delivery of first child among low-income unmarried mothers*
- \$12,300 discounted savings (2006 dollars) in Food Stamps, Medicaid, and AFDC-TANF from child age 0-12 compared to program cost of \$11,511 (2006 dollars)*

*Citations available upon request.

Because Benton-Franklin Health District NFP repeatedly demonstrates fidelity to the NFP model, we can expect to see these changes in our clients.

"If communities are truly interested in making sound investments that will yield high public and private gains in both the long and short run, they would fare far better by investing in evidence-based, early child development initiatives, like Nurse-Family Partnership, than in professional sports stadiums or office towers [bricks and mortar]." - Rob Grunewald, Associate Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, June 2006.

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Key partnerships that will be leveraged as part of the program or project.

Benton County Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) has 4 major partnerships that play a significant role in the success of our program. The NFP National Service Office provides information, support and specialized education needed to properly implement NFP and produce the same successful results that made the program a national model. Department of Children Youth and Families funds Franklin County NFP and provides training and support to all the NFP staff at Benton-Franklin Health District despite only providing funding for Franklin County NFP. Start Early Washington State's home visiting team is composed of a team of experts in the areas of home visiting, family engagement, program implementation and community service coordinated and provides ongoing technical assistance to the NFP supervisor, consulting on specific home visiting implementation questions, collaboratively exploring solutions to challenges, and promoting connections with other resources. Supports are individually tailored to BFHD NFP. Benton Franklin Learning Alliance serves as the Community Advisory Board. The Benton Franklin Early Learning Alliance is comprised of local community and educational organizations that serve families prenatally through early elementary, this group serves as the Community Advisory Board for Nurse-Family Partnership.

Benton County NFP relies on its close relationship with local school districts, Women Infant and Children (WIC) programs from Benton Franklin Health District and Tri-Cities Community Health, as well as local obstetricians for referrals. Additionally, Nurse Family Partnership partners with local representatives of the health maintenance organizations such as Molina, Community Health Plan of Washington, Amerigroup, and Coordinated Care for both referrals and concrete supports for clients. Other community-based organizations such as 2-1-1, Martha's Cupboard, Miriam's Gifts and Tri City Diaper Bank offer links to concrete supports. Due to the high-risk nature of our clients, NFP is also in regular communication with Domestic Violence Services of Benton and Franklin Counties. To support successful return to work and skill building, referrals are regularly made to Work Source and DSHS Community Services Office. Lourdes Counseling and Nueva Esperanza provide critical mental health services.

Similar work your organization has done previously.

Franklin County Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) was implemented in January 2013 with federal funding through the Maternal Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting program. Franklin County was eligible to apply because of ranking on the Home Visit Needs Assessment. Four nurses were funded to serve 100 families. In 2014, the Criminal Justice Committee of Benton County approached BFHD to propose NFP be written into the Public Safety Tax as part of prevention. When the tax was ratified by voters, The Benton County NFP program was funded for two nurses to work with 50 families and began seeing clients in November of 2016.

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Please list and describe any previous funding received from the Public Safety Sales Tax, any projects or programs conducted on behalf of or for government agencies, or any public-private partnerships entered into.

BFHD has received public safety sales tax funding in the past to support the Nurse-Family Partnership program. As a local public health jurisdiction, all work done by BFHD is done on behalf of a government agency. BFHD regularly partners with both government and private entities as either a subcontract recipient or contractor. Current or recent partnerships include the Boys and Girls Club, You Medical, Domestic Violence Services of Benton and Franklin Counties, Prosser Thrive Coalition, and Kennewick's Key Connection.

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Existing and/or previous funding recipients – Provide a summary of completed work and its benefit to the public safety of our community, impacts to participants, etc.

Since the Benton County Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) Program began, 100 families have enrolled. Twenty-seven have graduated and others are in various stages of program completion.

All clients are screened for depression at multiple points. 50% of the clients on caseload had a positive depression screening, with 30% screening in the highest risk category and all were referred for follow-up. 97.2% of the NFP children had current immunizations at 24 months.

All infants receive developmental screenings throughout the program, 10% were referred for evaluation significantly earlier than they would have been identified in preschool or kindergarten screening. This allows early intervention services to help get them on track before entering school. For clients enrolled at 17 years of age and younger, 8.7% were employed at intake, and 40% were employed by graduation from NFP. For clients enrolled at age 18 and older - 40% were employed at intake and 57.6% were employed by graduation from the program. There have been no reports of NFP children visiting the Emergency Department or being hospitalized for an injury or poisonous ingestion during program enrollment.

The NFP nurses quickly adapted to the needs created by the pandemic to provide services almost exclusively via telehealth for families in March 2020. Public data has shown that our families – living in poverty and often challenged by mental health issues, domestic violence, homelessness, chronic disease, and substance abuse – are the most vulnerable and difficult to reach. Their lives have become even more challenging in the face of the pandemic. NFP nurses have continued their trusted relationships with families, providing critical support to alleviate stressors – mental, physical, and economic – and provide accurate and essential information. Interactions with our families have increased during the pandemic and programmatic outcomes remain strong, reflecting the importance and value of this support. NFP nurses serve as lifelines for families facing complex challenges.

Nurse Family Partnership Program - Benton County Biennial Budget

	2023	2024	Total
	Budget	Budget	Budget
Salaries & Wages			
Public Health Nurse, 1.00 FTE	71,388	74,952	146,340
Public Health Nurse, 1.00 FTE	60,192	63,192	123,384
Social Worker II, 0.25 FTE	19,761	20,353	40,114
Public Health Nurse III (Supervisor), 0.20 FTE	17,840	18,376	36,216
Clerk, 0.75 FTE	30,852	31,617	62,469
Total Salaries & Wages	200,033	208,490	408,523
Payroll Taxes & Benefits			
Industrial Insurance	789	797	1,586
FICA	12,402	12,926	25,328
FICA/Medicare	2,900	3,023	5,923
Retirement	20,503	21,370	41,873
Paid Family Medical Leave	321	335	656
VEBA	2,000	2,085	4,085
Medical Insurance	29,968	31,466	61,434
Total Payroll Taxes & Benefits	68,884	72,002	140,886
Supplies & Equipment			
Office Supplies	500	500	1,000
Program Supplies	2,900	2,900	5,800
Operating Equipment	0	0	0
Total Supplies & Equipment	3,400	3,400	6,800
Travel & Mileage			
Mileage - Nurse Home Visits	4,260	4,260	8,520
<i>2 Nurses at 70 miles/wk x 52 wks at \$0.585/mile</i>			
Travel - Required Training in Denver CO			
<i>Unit 2 Training - 6 Days - \$500 Flight, Hotel & Meal per diem \$1,245</i>	1,930	0	1,930
<i>Dyadic Assesment Training - 4 days - \$500 Flight, Hotel & Meal per diem \$765</i>	0	1,265	1,265
Total Travel & Mileage	6,190	5,525	11,715
Training			
Conference Registraton			
NFP Unit 2 Registration with Materials	5,921	1,400	7,321
Initial Dyadic Assessment Registration	0	640	640
Dyadic Assessment reassessment fee	70	0	70
Total Training	5,991	2,040	8,031
Total Direct Costs	284,498	291,457	575,955

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Organization Name:	United Way of Benton & Franklin Counties
Title of Program or Project:	Middle School Mentoring Program
Funding Request Amount: (maximum \$700,000)	\$235,000
Executive summary of your program or project:	
United Way of Benton & Franklin Counties (UWBFC) will run a mentoring program in at least 7 middle schools in Benton County in the 2022-2023, 2023-2024, and 2024-2025 school years. This program supports chronically absent middle school students and aims to prevent violence and mitigate gang involvement by increasing school attendance, decreasing behavioral and social-emotional problems, and increasing academic performance. Research shows that middle school students who had 4 or more unexcused absences were twice as likely to drop out of high school. This local program is based on a UWBFC 4-year pilot project with 4 schools; it expanded into 10 schools in 2021-2022. UWBFC places 1-2 AmeriCorps members at each school. AmeriCorps is a national program of public service, and AmeriCorps members are paid for, trained, and supervised by UWBFC. Each AmeriCorps member works with school administrators to enroll 15 - 20 chronically absent students, and carry out group enrichment activities, individual check-ins, and in-class support. The member also manages a group of adult mentors who meet weekly with their assigned student during lunchtime in the school.	
Purpose, vision, and/or mission of your organization:	
Mission: UWBFC improves lives and strengthens communities. We build collaborations to address challenges that no one agency can solve alone to provide the building blocks of opportunity that every person needs to thrive. Together, we're solving our region's biggest problems and creating lasting change. Statement of Principle: UWBFC recognizes diversity, equity, and inclusion as core values that are critical to achieving our mission. We recognize that diversity empowers our mission. We actively seek collaborations with people of differing identities. By bringing together individuals with unique backgrounds, experiences, and ways of thinking, we can collectively and more effectively build resilient communities. We oppose all forms of racism and are committed to advancing equity in our community. We acknowledge that historical marginalization of persons of color and implicit bias has created lasting inequities. We recognize that improving the lives of everyone in our community means we must continue to focus on building understanding and trust, removing barriers, and creating conditions that enables everyone opportunities to thrive. Our United Way values inclusion. We are committed to an organizational culture that welcomes, values, respects, and hears all people. Together with our donors and partners, we are building a just and fair community in which all can participate, prosper, and reach their full potential.	

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Purpose and need for the program or project. How does the program or project seek to address gang and crime prevention and/or overall public safety?

The goal of UWBFC's mentoring program is to reduce student absenteeism as the foundation for keeping kids in school. By simultaneously keeping youth in school now and instilling a positive relationship towards school for the future, this program will reduce gang involvement and support public safety in Benton County.

UWBFC will address chronic absenteeism in grades 6-8 through a mentoring program in the 2022-2023 , 2023-2024, and 2024-2025 school years. This program provides a weekly connection, during lunch at school, with a trained, positive adult role model. The National Institute of Justice found that mentoring "provides at-risk youth with positive and consistent adult or older peer contact to promote healthy development and functioning by reducing risk factors. The practice is rated Effective in reducing delinquency outcomes." Mentoring is one of the most successful strategies used in community-based behavioral diversion programs. Research also shows that mentoring programs in schools can serve as key gang-prevention factors by providing positive adult role models to youth (De Vito, 2021). A literature review conducted by the National Mentoring Resource Center, a subsidiary of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, corroborates this finding and shows that mentoring programs serve to reduce both current and future delinquent behavior amongst school-aged youth by strengthening attendance, grades, and behavioral competencies such as self-control and ability to establish and maintain positive relationships (Hawkins, Karcher, Stewart, DuBois, 2020).

Our local United Way focuses on chronic absenteeism in middle school as this is the age when most students begin to take charge of their school performance. A 6-year local study showed that students miss more days of school as they progress through their school years; this pattern emphasizes the importance of early intervention. Research shows that if students establish positive attendance habits in middle school, they are more likely to maintain good attendance throughout high school.

According to the WA State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, during 2020-2021, 15% of all students in our region were chronically absent, defined as missing more than two days of school per month. This represents an increase of almost 7% over the previous year. Research from the nonprofit Attendance Works shows that chronic absenteeism can be a predictor of academic success among K-12 students and that reducing chronic absenteeism can have a positive academic effect.

UWBFC's middle school mentoring program joins a large group of evidence-based mentoring programs. By reducing chronic absenteeism and strengthening attendance habits through providing a caring, adult connection during the school day, this mentoring program will increase school attendance, reduce violence and gang involvement, and increase public safety well into the future.

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Detailed program or project description, including intended outcomes and evidence-based examples of how your program or project improves public safety.

United Way will run an AmeriCorps mentoring program in at least 7 middle schools in Benton County in the 2022-2023 , 2023-2024, and 2024-2025 school years. At each school, 1-2 AmeriCorps members will be responsible for identifying a group of 15 - 20 chronically absent students, conducting group and individual enrichment activities with those students, and coordinating schedules for at least 15 adult mentors from the local community. Each volunteer mentor will work one-on-one with a chronically absent student once a week for the duration of the school year.

This intervention provides social/emotional student support to decrease chronic absenteeism through a meaningful, supportive connection with a positive adult role model in a guided, school-based setting. As such, this intervention increases the strength and number of positive relationships that students have in their lives, keeping students engaged in school as they enter formative middle school years and establish attitudes towards education. By keeping students engaged in school, this program decreases drop-out rates and gang involvement, and promotes public safety.

UWBFC will track the following outcomes by examining attendance and academic data for program participants, as well as by conducting end-of-year surveys with school administration:

1. The percentage of middle school students in Benton County involved in the program no longer classified as chronically absent by the end of the school year, defined as missing two or more days of school per month, is expected to increase to at least 80% by the end of each program year.
2. The percentage of students involved in the program showing improvement in academic achievement at the end of the school year is expected to increase to at least 80% by the end of each program year as a result of this intervention.
3. The percentage of mentees showing increased knowledge about the importance of regular school attendance is expected to increase to at least 80% by the end of each program year as a result of this intervention.
4. The percentage of mentees reporting an increased connection to a caring adult in an inclusive, school-based environment is expected to increase to at least 80% by the end of each program year as a result of this intervention.

Additionally, these long-term outcomes contribute to public safety as shown by research about the benefits of mentoring (Hawkins, Karcher, Stewart, DuBois 2020):

- Increased school attendance in later grades, including in high school.
- Increased academic achievement in later grades, including in high school.
- Increased graduation rates from high school.
- Decreased involvement in gang and/or other delinquent activity.

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Key partnerships that will be leveraged as part of the program or project.

UWBFC will continue to partner with the state agency, Serve Washington, for funding, technical assistance, and professional training. Serve Washington is a subdivision of the Office of Financial Management charged with oversight of AmeriCorps programs in the State. UWBFC has maintained a productive relationship with Serve Washington since 2020. In addition to providing almost \$600,000 in federal pass-through funding for this AmeriCorps project over the next two calendar years, Serve Washington provides ongoing technical assistance, training for United Way staff and AmeriCorps members, and oversight of federal compliance. This project requires UWBFC to provide a local cash match.

UWBFC maintains productive relationships with the Finley, Kennewick, Kiona- Benton, Prosser, and Richland School Districts. Our AmeriCorps members currently operate in 7 middle schools (Carmichael, Chinook, Finley, Enterprise, Housel, Kiona-Benton, Park) in Benton County with the full support of school and district administrators. Each year, each participating school signs a memorandum of understanding with UWBFC to formalize the partnership. UWBFC offers this program on an annual basis to all middle schools in Benton County, and schools not currently participating will be encouraged to join in the future. UWBFC plans to continue to scale up this young program, with the goal of all middle schools in Benton County participating.

Similar work your organization has done previously.

UWBFC partnered with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in 2016 to design and implement the Chronic Absenteeism Pilot Project which included a weekly lunchtime mentoring program for chronically absent middle school students at three local middle schools. Over the course of the pilot project, over 300 mentors formed meaningful connections with mentees. After funding concluded in 2019, a local nonprofit took on the program, on a revised scale, which was discontinued during the last school year.

Recent interviews with vice-principals of the involved middle schools show that school administration wants this program to continue. Most importantly, all vice-principals reported mentored students were absent less often, had fewer discipline problems, were more engaged in their studies, and achieved improved grades.

As a result of these conversations, UWBFC designed and operated the AmeriCorps mentoring program for the first time during the 2021-2022 school year. This program currently operates in 7 schools in Benton County, and has provided over 3,000 hours of direct student support while serving over 800 students per week.

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Please list and describe any previous funding received from the Public Safety Sales Tax, any projects or programs conducted on behalf of or for government agencies, or any public-private partnerships entered into.

United Way of Benton & Franklin Counties has a track record of managing programs co-funded by public and private partnerships.

UWBFC responsibly stewards public funds including:

1. Maintaining a partnership with the state agency Serve Washington which will be providing approximately \$600,000 in federal pass-through funding for this AmeriCorps mentoring program over the course of the next two years. As a condition of this funding, United Way must provide approximately \$370,000 in matching community funding over the course of the next two years. This funding match obligation increases throughout the first ten years of program operation, making community support particularly vital for long-term growth. This funding can come from donations, grants, and public funding such as the Public Safety Sales Tax. Such funding is critical in demonstrating strong local support for this vital program, and ensures that this program will benefit local youth well into the future.

2. Managing two State of Washington contracts, totaling \$384,096, for bi-county census education and outreach in 2019-2020.

3. Administering the annual FEMA Emergency Food and Shelter Program in Benton and Franklin Counties which was nearly \$500,000 this year.

UWBFC also has a long history of successfully winning grants from family and corporate foundations in support of the health and safety of people in our bi-county region. A typical, pre-pandemic year, typically included managing 4-7 grants from these sources. A recent example is a \$200,000 grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to fill critical, local service gaps in behavioral and mental health and food support.

Our organization again won a GuideStar platinum rating for financial stewardship and donor transparency as well as consistently earning a "clean audit" from the independent auditing firm of Clifton Larson Allen.

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Existing and/or previous funding recipients – Provide a summary of completed work and its benefit to the public safety of our community, impacts to participants, etc.

United Way of Benton & Franklin Counties has not yet received Public Safety Sales Tax funds.

UWBFC Middle School Mentoring Program Budget		
Revenue		
Line Item	2023	2024
AmeriCorps Federal Funding ¹	\$ 304,920	\$ 286,770
Benton County Sales Tax	\$ 107,121	\$ 127,879
Private Grants and Donations	\$ 61,212	\$ 72,549
Total	\$ 473,254	\$ 487,198
Expense		
Line Item	2023	2024
United Way Staff Salaries ²	\$ 52,400	\$ 54,000
United Way Staff Benefits and Payroll Taxes ²	\$ 16,500	\$ 17,000
Program Supplies ³	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,400
AmeriCorps Member Living Allowances ⁴	\$ 278,275	\$ 286,600
AmeriCorps Member Benefits and Payroll Taxes ⁴	\$ 30,000	\$ 31,000
Contractual and Consultant Services ⁵	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000
IT Expenses	\$ 10,600	\$ 11,000
Background Checks	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,700
AmeriCorps Member Travel ⁶	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,700
AmeriCorps Staff Travel ⁷	\$ 3,150	\$ 3,250
Indirect Costs ⁸	\$ 61,729	\$ 63,548
Total	\$ 473,254	\$ 487,198
Surplus or Deficit	\$ (0)	\$ 0

Notes

¹Decrease from 2023 to 2024 reflects a scheduled increase in match requirement from UWBFC starting in August 2024

²50% of salary and benefits for Director of Community Impact, 10% of salary and benefits for Vice President of Finance, 25% of salary and benefits for Community Impact Coordinator

³Required AmeriCorps branded apparel for members, office supplies, copies, printing

⁴Living allowances, taxes, and benefits for 12.1 FTE

⁵Software subscriptions, training fees for AmeriCorps members

⁶Required travel to annual training in Seattle; local mileage reimbursement at federal rate

⁷Required travel to annual trainings in Seattle, Olympia, and western regional conference; local mileage reimbursement at federal rate

⁸AmeriCorps-approved 15% indirect cost rate

Price increases between 2023 and 2024 assume an approximate 3% rate of inflation