

RESOLUTION 2025-29

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BENTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON:

IN THE MATTER OF THE BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING THE BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S SIGNATURE ON THE MOU BETWEEN BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND UNITED STATES MARSHAL - EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON FOR THE JOINT LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS TASK FORCE FOR 2024-2025

WHEREAS, the United States Marshal Service (USMS) has been granted authority to direct and coordinate permanent USMS Violent Offender Task Forces consisting of Federal, state, and local law enforcement for the purpose of locating and apprehending fugitives; and

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office has a detective who is part of the Joint Law Enforcement Operations Task Force (JLEO) for the United States Marshal; and

WHEREAS, reimbursement is granted by the USMS, if funding is available, for overtime incurred by the state or local investigators who provided full time support to USMS joint law enforcement task forces; and

WHEREAS, the attached obligation document and Memorandum of Understanding outlines the amount of reimbursement to Benton County Sheriff's Office in the amount up to \$21,741.00 for the period of October 24, 2024 to September 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff recommends moving forward with the attached MOU between the Benton County Sheriff's Office and US Marshal Eastern District of Washington and have the Board of Commissioners authorize the Sheriff's signature on the attached MOU; **NOW, THEREFORE**

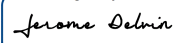
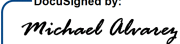
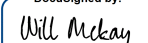
BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Benton County Commissioners, Benton County, Washington hereby approves the Memorandum of Understanding for the Joint Law Enforcement Operations Task Force between Benton County Sheriff's Office and US Marshal Eastern District of Washington for a reimbursement to Benton County for an amount up to \$21,741.00 for the period of October 24, 2024 to September 30, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board hereby authorizes the Benton County Sheriff's signature on the MOU between United States Marshal Service and Benton County Sheriff's Office.

Dated this 7th day of January, 2025

Attest: 
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Clerk of the Board


7ED07603283E486... Chairman

D8C6F57E34874E4... Chairman Pro-Tem

135987D784E74CF... Commissioner

Constituting the Board of County Commissioners
of Benton County, Washington

U.S. Department of Justice
United States Marshals Service

Joint Law Enforcement Operations Task Force Obligation Document

INSTRUCTIONS: See last page for detailed instructions.

SECTION 1: OBLIGATION

DOCUMENT CONTROL #: M-25-D85-O-000028

SECTION 2: PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

Notification to state and local agencies of funding provided in support of Joint Law Enforcement Operations, pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between:

Benton County Sheriff's Office

and

Eastern District of Washington (85)

All other terms and conditions of the MOU remain the same.

SECTION 3: PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

October 24, 2024 to September 30, 2025

SECTION 4: APPROPRIATION DATA

FISCAL YEAR	ORGANIZATION	FUND	PROJECT	SOC / PURPOSE	DOLLAR AMOUNT
2025	D85	AFF-B-OP	JLEOTFOT	25205 - TFO Overtime	\$21,741.00
Total Obligation Amount:					\$21,741.00

SECTION 5: DESCRIPTION OF OBLIGATION

Funds provided for the reimbursement of USMS approved Overtime for Task Force Officers (TFO) assigned to the Pacific Violent Offender Task Force (PNVOTF) for the period of 10/01/2024 - 09/30/2025.

SECTION 6: CONTACT INFORMATION

DISTRICT/RFTF CONTACT:

Name: DUSM Carson Taylor
Phone: (509) 842-1422
E-mail: carson.taylor@usdoj.gov

STATE/LOCAL CONTACT:

Name: Katie Gillies
Phone: 509-735-6555 ext 3273
E-mail: katie.gillies@co.benton.wa.us

SECTION 7: AUTHORIZATION

USMS Representative - Certification of Funds:

Signature: VICTORIA PETERS Digitally signed by VICTORIA PETERS
Date: 2024.11.20 09:37:31 -0800' Date: 11/20/2024
Vicky Lynn Peters, AO

Chief Deputy or RFTF Commander - Obligation Approval:

Signature: JEROME BROWN Digitally signed by JEROME BROWN
Date: 2024.11.20 10:00:16 -0800' Date: 11/20/2024
Jerome Brown, (A) Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal

Reimbursement of overtime work shall be consistent with the Fair Labor Standards Act. Annual overtime for each state or local law enforcement officer is capped at the equivalent of 25% of a GS-1811-12, Step 1, of the general pay scale for the RUS. Reimbursement for all types of qualified expenses shall be contingent upon availability of funds and the submission of a proper request for reimbursement which shall be submitted monthly or quarterly on a fiscal year basis, and which provides the names of the investigators who incurred overtime for the Task Force during the quarter; the number of overtime hours incurred, the hourly regular and overtime rates in effect for each investigator.

Departmental Representative - Acknowledgement:

Signature:  Date: 1/21/25
Tom Croskrey, Sheriff

FORM USM-607 INSTRUCTIONS

The Joint Law Enforcement Operations Task Force Obligation Document is designed to provide district and regional fugitive task forces with one standard obligating form to record new obligations in UFMS. To adjust funding in an existing obligation, please refer to Form USM-607A, Joint Law Enforcement Operations Task Force Modification Document. Funding in support of the JLEO mission is pursuant to the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the USMS and the JLEO participant. Reimbursements are subject to the availability of funds and contingent upon the submission of proper documentation. Please note that overtime reimbursements require the submission of agency invoices and supporting documentation on a quarterly basis.

In the event that the USMS will use a payment method OTHER than reimbursement directly to the state or local agency, additional guidance will be provided by USMS Headquarters. The district or RFTF office is responsible for communicating payment procedures to their partnering agencies. All payments are made via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) through the U.S. Department of Treasury.

SECTION 1: Obligation Number

- A. Enter UFMS Document Control Number.

SECTION 2: Participating Agencies

- A. BOX 1: Enter name of state or local JLEO participating agency.
- B. BOX 2: Use drop down menu to select appropriate USMS District/RFTF.

SECTION 3: Period of Performance

- A. Insert valid period of performance for the obligation. Obligations created using the one-page JLEO Task Force Obligation Form may not cross fiscal years. If there is a need to cross fiscal years, please utilize a Purchase Order for the obligation.
- B. Period of performance must begin no earlier than the date of funds availability (provided by IOD and the Asset Forfeiture Division) and end no later than September 30 of the following calendar year.

SECTION 4: Appropriation Data

- A. Enter information across appropriate field for all items being obligated. All fields for a line item must be completed in order to proceed to the next step.
- B. Project Codes: District task force obligations are funded under the **JLEOTFS4** project code for a JLEO obligation. RFTF project codes have been assigned by region and will be entered by Headquarters IOD staff.

SECTION 5: Description of Obligation

- A. Enter description of obligation (optional). Include any pertinent information such as number of TFO vehicles, for example.

SECTION 6: Contact Information

- A. Enter District/RFTF contact information (Box 1) and State/Local contact information (Box 2).

SECTION 7: Authorization

- A. Certification of Funds: Signature will be applied by USMS District official or IOD representative (RFTF) after the Asset Forfeiture Division has confirmed that funds have been moved into the budget.
- B. Obligation Approval: Signature will be applied by District or RFTF representative upon receipt of obligation document. To ensure sufficient internal controls and proper segregation of duties, the district/RFTF representative approving obligation forms cannot also approve invoices or reimbursements related to the same obligation. (See U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-123 and USMS Office of Finance guidance for further information regarding internal controls.)
- C. Acknowledgement: Signature will be applied by state or local agency representative. The obligation is not valid until all parties have signed. When completed, the form will be returned to the District/RFTF office. Districts are responsible for entering obligations into UFMS. RFTF obligations will be forwarded to Headquarters IOD to be entered into UFMS.



Commissioners' Agenda Action Sheet

Meeting Date: January 7, 2025
Subject: US Marshal Joint Law Enforcement Agreement - 2024/2025 ~ Lt. Clark
Presenter: Lt. Mike Clark
Prepared By: Katie Gillies
Reviewed By:
PA Review: **Approved:** No **Denied:** Yes **N/A:** No
(If denied, include reasoning)
 See attached email for explanation.
Type of Agenda Item: Scheduled Business

Summary / Background Information

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Fiscal Impact

Reimbursable grant was included in 2025/2026 budgeted expenditures and revenue

Recommendation

The Benton County Sheriff recommends moving forward with the attached MOU between the Benton County Sheriff's Office and US Marshal Eastern District of Washington and have the Board of Commissioners authorize the Sheriff's signature on the attached MOU.

Suggested Motion

I move to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Joint Law Enforcement Operations Task Force between Benton County Sheriff's Office and US Marshal Eastern District of Washington for a reimbursement to Benton County for an amount up to \$21,741.00 for the period of October 24, 2024 to September 30, 2025 and authorizes the Benton County Sheriff's signature on the MOU between United States Marshal Service and Benton County Sheriff's Office.

Signatures Required on Agreements/Contracts

Resolution.