

RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-

A RESOLUTION ratifying the Interim City Manager's execution of a grant application to the Washington State Department of Commerce for funding to support Group Violence Intervention Strategies.

WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to reducing violent crime in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Commerce has funding available to support local efforts to identify and implement Group Violence Intervention Strategies; and

WHEREAS, the Yakima Police Department, in cooperation and coordination with the Dispute Resolution Center of Yakima and Kittitas Counties, seek to utilize these grant funds to execute a prepared plan for Group Violence Intervention Strategies as part of the Project Safe Neighborhood program; and

WHEREAS, the grant application will request a total of Two Hundred and Eighty-five thousand (\$285,000) dollars in grant funds to be used to carry out this purpose; and

WHEREAS, insofar as the grant application must be submitted by no later than June 1, 2020, and no special meetings of the City Council are permitted under the current order of the Governor due to the COVID-19 pandemic by which the City Council could consider and approve the application for these grant funds, Interim City Manager Alex Meyerhoff has executed the grant application in order to meet the submission deadline; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it to be in the best interest of the City and the health, safety and welfare of the City's residents to ratify the Department of Commerce grant application attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, as well as approving the acceptance of a grant award provided the City is successful in this effort; Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YAKIMA:

1. The Interim City Manager's execution of the attached and incorporated Washington State Department of Commerce for Group Violence Intervention Strategies grant application is hereby ratified.
2. If grant funds are awarded, the Interim City Manager is further authorized and directed to accept said grant funds and to administer the funds for the purposes specified above.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this 2nd day of June, 2020.

ATTEST:

Patricia Byers, Mayor

Sonya Claar Tee, City Clerk