

# AGENDA REQUEST FORM

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Yakima County Commissioners' Office, Room 232**

Prepared by:  
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Department: Sheriff's Office

Requested Agenda Date: 08/09/2022

Presenting: Sheriff Udell

Document Title:

*Board of County Commissioners Record Assigned*  
**BOCC Agreement**  
#  
**238 - 2022**  
*Yakima County, WA*

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:  
 Consent       Regular  
*Board of County Commissioners Determined*

Yakima Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between the City of Yakima and Yakima County.

Action Requested: *Check Applicable Box*

PASS RESOLUTION     EXECUTE or AMEND **AGREEMENT** CONTRACT or GRANT  
 ISSUE PROCLAMATION    PASS ORDINANCE    OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

Describe Fiscal Impact:

The ILA will provide the Sheriff's Office \$15,638.00.

Background Information:

The Sheriff's Office has been a sub-grantee of the grant to the City of Yakima PD. These funds have traditionally been used to purchase and replace mobile radios in the various Divisions.

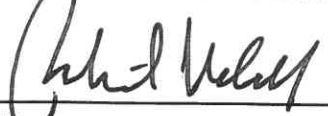
Summary & Recommendation:

The Sheriff's Office recommends that the BOCC accept the ILA and sign.


Motion:

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Department Head/ Elected Official

  
Signature

**AGREEMENT** Attached Is Approved as to Form  
Corporate Counsel Initial



*Late Agenda Requests Require BOCC Chairman Signature:*  
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**FY2022 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)**

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**THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
YAKIMA INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN CITY OF YAKIMA AND YAKIMA COUNTY**

**2022 BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM AWARD**

This agreement is made and entered into this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022, by and between CITY of YAKIMA, acting by and through its governing body, the City Council, herein after referred to as the CITY, and YAKIMA COUNTY acting by and through its governing body, the Board of Commissioners, hereinafter referred to as the COUNTY, both of Yakima County, State of Washington, witnesseth:

**WHEREAS**, this Agreement is made under the authority of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, as amended, and codified in chapter 39.34 of the Revised Code of Washington provided for interlocal cooperation between governmental agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, each governing body, in performing governmental functions or in paying for the performance of governmental functions hereunder, shall make that performance or those payments from current revenues legally available to that party; and

**WHEREAS**, each governing body finds that the performance of this Agreements is in the best interests of both parties, that the undertaking will benefit the public, and that the division of costs fairly compensates the performing party for the services or functions under this agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Administration, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, has grant funds available to local governments to support efforts to reduce crime and improve public safety, and

**WHEREAS**, the Yakima Police Department has been notified that \$63,105 in grant funds have been allocated to the City of Yakima and Yakima County and are available upon submission of a completed grant application and satisfaction of certain conditions, and

**WHEREAS**, one of the grant approval conditions is that the City and County execute an Interlocal Agreement whereby the City shall transfer \$15,638 of the grant monies to the County to support law enforcement activities of the Yakima County Sheriff's Department;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the CITY and the COUNTY agree as follows:

**Section 1.**

Expressly conditioned upon award to the CITY of the above-referenced grant funds in the amount of \$66,982 CITY agrees to pay the COUNTY a total of \$15,638 of JAG funds. These

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funds will be used by the Yakima County Sheriff's Office to purchase mobile patrol portable radios to include supporting accessories.

**Section 2.**

The COUNTY agrees to accept and use \$15,638 to be used by the Yakima County Sheriff's Office to purchase patrol portable radios to include supporting accessories.

**Section 4**

Each party to this Agreement will be responsible for its own actions in providing services under this Agreement and shall not be liable for any civil liability that may arise from the furnishing of the services by the other party.

**Section 5**

The parties to this Agreement do not intend for any third party to obtain a right by virtue of this Agreement.

**Section 6**

By entering into this Agreement, the parties do not intend to create any obligations express or implied other than those set out herein; further, this agreement shall not create any rights in any party not a signatory hereto.

**Section 7**

A copy of this Agreement shall be filed with the Yakima County Auditor's Office.

**CITY OF YAKIMA**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert Harrison, City Manager

Excused

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Amanda McKinney, Commissioner

*Ron Anderson*

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Ron Anderson, Commissioner

*LaDon Linde*

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La Don Linde, Commissioner

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**Attest:**

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Sonya Claar Tee, City Clerk

**Approved as to Form:**

*Stephanie Weigand*  
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Deputy Prosecuting Attorney



**CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION**

**Attest:**

*[Signature]*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Julie Lawrence, Clerk of the Board

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Linda Kay O'Hara, Deputy Clerk

**AUG 09 2022**

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Date

**BOCC Agreement**

**238-2022**

**Yakima County, WA**

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-**

**A RESOLUTION** ratifying an application for a grant in the total amount of \$63,105 from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Administration, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Administration, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, has grant funds available to local governments to support efforts to reduce crime and improve public safety; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Yakima Police Department has been notified that \$63,105 in grant funds have been allocated to the City of Yakima and Yakima County and are available upon submission of a completed grant application and satisfaction of certain conditions; and,

**WHEREAS**, one of the grant approval conditions is that the City and County execute an Interlocal Agreement whereby the City shall transfer \$15,638 of the grant monies to the County to support law enforcement activities of the Yakima County Sheriff's Department; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Yakima considered this matter at an open public meeting in which citizens were provided an opportunity to comment and deems it to be in the best interest of the City to authorize submission of an application to the Justice Assistance Grant Program for said available funds and execution of all necessary documents and contracts to complete said grant transaction; now, therefore,

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

1. The City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to submit a completed grant application to the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Administration, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, to obtain a grant to fund local efforts to reduce crime and improve public safety.

2. The City Manager or his designee is further authorized and directed to accept the grant on behalf of the City of Yakima, and to take all steps and execute all documents and contracts necessary to complete this grant transaction, including but not limited to execution of the attached Interlocal Agreement with Yakima County whereby Yakima County shall receive a portion of the grant proceeds for local law enforcement efforts.

**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022.

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Janice Deccio, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sonya Claar Tee, City Clerk

**Edward Byrne Memorial  
Justice Assistance Grant**

**FY 2022**

**Program Narrative**

This narrative is submitted for the purpose of describing the proposed program activities for the 3-year JAG period. The City of Yakima has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to utilizing Justice Assistance funding in an effective and responsible manner and has had a longstanding relationship of fiscal sharing with Yakima County that has bettered the quality of life for citizens countywide.

**Program Identification:**

**Yakima Police Department**– The Yakima Police Department will use these funds for three distinct purposes. One, officer overtime reimbursement. The officers will be dedicated to an emphasis patrol in an area of the city identified as having substantial fear of crime issues. Much of this fear of crime originates from homeless mentally ill persons wandering the streets and entering businesses where they scare customers and create disturbances. These police officers will work in conjunction with City Code Enforcement personnel to focus on these locations to identify and correct issues, arrest criminals, and attempt to obtain services for those identified as mentally ill. **Need Analysis** – The Yakima Police Department has used the identified emphasis patrol in the past with great success. However, due to the difficult financial situation faced by the City of Yakima, the Police Department has no way to fund this emphasis without JAG assistance.

Two, the Yakima Police Department will be utilizing these funds for officer recruitment. The department has experienced an extremely high level of officer turnover. In response, the department has designated an officer as a recruiting officer and it has become apparent that the recruitment campaign needs to be expanded outside of the eastern Washington State area. Funding in this area will be used for advertising, travel, and lodging for representatives of the department involved in recruiting activities. **Need Analysis** – The Yakima Police Department has already designated an officer as the recruiter. The department budget allows for some in-state recruiting, but additional funding is needed to increase the travel within the state and to expand the campaign to other regions.

Three, the Yakima Police Department will be utilizing funds for the purchase of software that will assist police analysts with open-source online intelligence. Politically contentious topics have polarized our country and our community. People sharing similar views have the ability to connect via social media where those views have the potential to foment. The Yakima Police Department wishes to acquire software that will enable police analysts to analyze open source data and develop intelligence on potential threats to our community.

**Need Analysis** – In 2022, the Yakima Police Department made a considerable investment in hiring three police analysts. The high-profile tragedies that have plagued the nation have demonstrated a need for departments to seek out intelligence from the internet.

**Yakima County Law and Justice** – Purchase interoperable portable radios and supporting accessories for Sheriff’s deputies. The radios will be replacing portable radios

that are not narrowband capable. The funds would also be used to purchase law enforcement-related emergency equipment and personnel designated as first responders.

**Needs Analysis** –The Yakima County Sheriff's Office is in current need of replacing a number of obsolescent portable radios. Yakima County is a large jurisdiction of well over 4,000 square miles, including considerable tracts of broken and mountainous terrain which poses a serious challenge to radio communications. Additionally, there is a small contingent of deputies available to provide service over this vast area at any given time, placing a premium on reliable and efficient communication equipment. Present funding is in short supply, requiring the Sheriff's Office to purchase replacement units at a slower rate than is desirable, or at the expense of delaying the purchase of other vital equipment. Any gap in communications places Sheriff's personnel and the public at an unacceptable level of risk.

The law enforcement-related emergency equipment will provide first responders with the necessary equipment to respond to emergencies. The equipment and services will also facilitate technology interoperability with other public safety agencies in Yakima County.

**Fund Distribution** – The City of Yakima and Yakima County have come to an agreement, via a Memorandum of Understanding, on the distribution of Justice Assistance Grant funds. Under the terms of the JAG grant, together with the agreed-upon terms of the Memorandum of Understanding, the City of Yakima will be entitled to \$51,344 out of the total \$66,982 available, while Yakima County will be entitled to the remaining \$15,638. Each agency will be responsible for managing their Justice Assistance Grant-funded programs while the City of Yakima will provide reporting for both entities.