

RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-

A RESOLUTION authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Yakima, Dispute Resolution Center of Yakima and Kittitas Counties, Yakima County, and OIC of Washington for management, facilitation and evaluation of the GRIT Village, Steering Committee and structure.

WHEREAS, the City of Yakima established the Gang Reduction and Intervention Taskforce to gather stakeholders and community service providers together to address how the community could better and more effectively combat gang and gun violence; and

WHEREAS, for the past three (3) years, Dispute Resolution Center of Yakima and Kittitas Counties and the City of Yakima have contracted with each other for the Dispute Resolution Center to facilitate the Village and Steering Committee meetings for GRIT as well as other projects associated with gang and gun violence; and

WHEREAS, OIC of Washington recently received a grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce's Office to support GRIT with coordination, evaluation, and development of a strategic action plan for future youth violence intervention and prevention programming which provides for funding to compensate Dispute Resolution Center for its work, and expand on that work where appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the City, Yakima County, Dispute Resolution Centers of Yakima and Kittitas Counties and OIC of Washington all wish to collaboratively participate in GRIT and support the evaluation and reimagination of GRIT to better the Yakima community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Yakima finds that it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding to continue the work of GRIT, as well as evaluate, improve, and reimagine GRIT and addressing gang and gun violence in the Yakima community, now, therefore,

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

The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Yakima, Dispute Resolution Center of Yakima and Kittitas Counties, Yakima County and OIC of Washington regarding the GRIT program. A copy of the Memorandum of Understanding is attached hereto.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this 6th day of December, 2022.

ATTEST:

Janice Deccio, Mayor

Sonya Claar Tee, City Clerk