

BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL YAKIMA, WASHINGTON AGENDA STATEMENT

Item No. 7.I. For Meeting of: August 19, 2025

ITEM TITLE: Resolution ratifying and approving the City Manager's execution of a

grant agreement with the Washington State Office of Public Defense

(General Fund: Revenue Positive)

SUBMITTED BY: Vicki Baker, City Manager

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

The City of Yakima applied for a Simple Possession Advocacy and Representation (SPAR) grant. The City received notification that it was awarded a \$45,000 reimbursable grant for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. On August 4, 2025, the city manager electronically signed agreement GRT26033 accepting the grant award.

The purpose of the grant is to provide reimbursements to the City for the cost of providing defense counsel consultation and representation for defendants facing charges or charged with simple possession or public use offenses involving allegations of possession or public use of a controlled substance, counterfeit substance, or legend drugs. These are General Fund costs and this reimbursement offsets some of these costs.

ITEM BUDGETED: No

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 24-25:

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the city manager's execution of a grant agreement

ATTACHMENTS:

2025 Resolution - accepting SPAR grant award.doc 20250805105536.pdf