



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
YAKIMA, WASHINGTON
AGENDA STATEMENT**

Item No. 7.J.
For Meeting of: June 18, 2024

ITEM TITLE: Resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with Merryman House Domestic Violence Center (LAP Coordinator) to implement the Domestic Violence Lethality Assessment Program 2.0 - Maryland Model multi-jurisdiction subscription

SUBMITTED BY: *Cynthia Martinez, Senior Assistant City Attorney
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SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

The Yakima Police Department in 2021 implemented a lethality assessment tool modeled after the Maryland Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) to prioritize services for domestic violence victims. This effort was part of a Yakima County-wide protocol to standardize domestic violence investigations. The Department of Commerce has consented to the reallocation of unspent grant funds to purchase a subscription to the Maryland Lethality Assessment Program, a program that will allow the upgrade of Lethality Assessment tool, provide training on the tool, analysis of data, and allow the City of Yakima to train other jurisdictions in Yakima County or other jurisdictions as approved by the Merryman House Domestic Violence Center (LAP Coordinator). The Yakima Police Department plans to use STOP grant funds to pay for the following two years of the subscription.

ITEM BUDGETED: Yes

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Public Safety

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution.

ATTACHMENTS:

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