



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

Item No. 9.F.
For Meeting of: August 4, 2025

ITEM TITLE: Review of U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) - Local Law Enforcement Grants for Enforcement of Cybercrimes Program Funding Opportunity O-OVW-2025-172415

SUBMITTED BY: Shawn Boyle, Chief of Police
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SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

The City has been notified by the U.S. Department of Justice that it is eligible to apply for the Department of Justice OVW Fiscal Year 2025 Grant for Enforcement of Cybercrimes Program O-OVW-2025-172415 in the amount up to \$700,000. The grant will provide funding that can be used for a period of three years.

If requested funding of \$500,000 is granted, The Yakima Police Department (YPD), in partnership with YWCA Yakima and Aspen Victim Advocacy Services, proposes the Cybercrime Response and Victim Support Initiative to enhance our community's capacity to investigate and respond to cyber-enabled crimes, particularly those involving domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, dating violence, and human trafficking. Grant funds will be used to:

- Acquire advanced digital forensics tools for mobile device evidence extraction and analysis;
- Provide specialized training to officers, detectives, and advocates on the detection, investigation, and prosecution of cybercrimes;
- Support collaborative operations targeting online human trafficking and exploitation of both adults and children;
- Assist the Yakima Domestic Violence High Risk Team in supporting victims with humanitarian support in accordance with the grant.
- Fund overtime costs to fulfill objectives listed above and to expand enforcement beyond current staffing levels.

ITEM BUDGETED: N/A

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 24-25: A Safe and Healthy Yakima

RECOMMENDATION: The grant application requires assurance of review by Council and an opportunity for the public to comment.

ATTACHMENTS:

[OVW FY25 Cybercrimes Program Updated Final v1 - 5.16.25.pdf](#)