



To: Budget Committee/Blount County Commission
From: Angelie Shankle, Finance Manager Sheriff's Office
CC: Fin. Dir. Brian Baldwin, Mayor Ed Mitchell
Date: 1/3/2023
Re: VCIF (Violent Crime Intervention Fund) Collaborative Grant MOU requirement

Budget Committee Members and Commissioners,

In November 2022, this body approved for the Sheriff's Office to apply for the competitive Collaborative VCIF grant. The other agencies involved in this collaboration include Alcoa Police, Maryville Police, and the E-911 Center, with the Sheriff's Office acting as lead agency and submitting the application on behalf of the group.

One requirement of the application is a "Letter of Support" from all participating agencies. We have collected those. Another requirement of the grant application, is a **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** between all agencies/governments, detailing the purpose, participants, and length of participation. The MOU will be in effect for the life of the grant, if awarded, which runs March 1, 2023 – June 30, 2025.

We are asking this body to approve our participation in this collaborative grant, authorizing the Mayor to sign off on the MOU. If Blount County, or any of the other 3 participating agencies fail to sign the MOU, we will halt the application process and continue no further.

Thank you,

Angelie Shankle