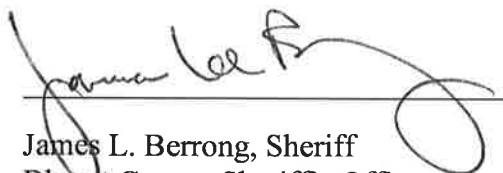


Letter of Support
Competitive Collaborative Enhancement Grant

This letter is to acknowledge the support of the Blount County Sheriff's Office, to partner with Alcoa City Police, Maryville City Police, and Blount County Emergency Communications District (911) for the purpose of submitting a joint grant proposal to pursue funding made available by the Violent Crime Intervention Fund that the State of Tennessee has designated to support regional and/or multijurisdictional interventions to address violent crime.

Whereas, the mission of this collaborative partnership is to install evidence-based intervention strategies to bolster our collective investigative resources and intelligence in an effort to combat violent crime.

Whereas, Alcoa City Police, Maryville City Police, Blount County Sheriff's Office, and Blount County Emergency Communications District (911) are partnering on this venture to acquire funding through the referenced Competitive Collaborative Enhancement Grant to address violent crime conjointly. the Blount County Sheriff's Office will work together to achieve their strategic objective and thereby agree to submit a joint grant proposal in pursuit of this initiative.



James L. Berrong, Sheriff
Blount County Sheriff's Office



Date Signed