



To: Budget Committee/Blount County Commission
From: Jeff French, Chief Deputy BCSO
CC: Fin. Dir. Brian Baldwin, Mayor Ed Mitchell
Date: 5/23/2023
Re: **Collaborative** VCIF grant award (Violent Crime Intervention Fund)

Budget Committee Members and Commissioners,

The Sheriff's Office has been awarded the "Collaborative" VCIF grant- initiated by Governor Bill Lee and the General Assembly, and awarded by the State of TN through the Office of Criminal Justice Programs (OCJP). This grant provides funds for local law enforcement agencies to purchase equipment and technology in an effort to reduce/address violent crime in our communities.

We came to you in November, requesting permission to apply for the grant. The grant runs from the time you approve acceptance, through June 30, 2025. There is no match required. This Collaborative grant will be used to install a Real Time Crime center, using monitors, cameras, and associated software. Agencies working together to utilize this center include Blount County Sheriff's Office, Alcoa Police Dept., Maryville Police Dept., and the Blount County 911 Center.

We are asking that you approve acceptance of the grant now, so that we can appropriate the funds on July 1st, in order to begin the bid/requisition process, and to not have to wait until the July commission, and thus lose another month before taking action.

For the remainder of the grant (FY24-25), we will include the expense and revenue in the requested budget.

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| FY23-24 | \$1,175,400 |
| <u>FY24-25</u> | <u>\$233,867</u> |
| | \$1,409,267 |

Thank you,
Jeff French, Chief Deputy