

# **Memorandum of Understanding**

## **Competitive Collaborative Enhancement Grant**

### **I. Memorandum of Understanding**

This Memorandum of Understanding is hereby entered as of the [REDACTED] day of [REDACTED] 2022, between the Alcoa City Police, Maryville City Police, Blount County Sheriff's Office, 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.

### **II. Project Partners**

Whereas, the 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 participating police departments will work together to achieve their strategic objective and thereby agree to submit a joint grant proposal in pursuit of this initiative.

### **III. Responsibilities and Expectations**

Now, whereas the participating police departments will be responsible for the following:

1. The Blount County Sheriff's Office will serve as the "Lead Agency".
2. The Blount County Sheriff's Office will complete the initial "Intent to Apply" application through the State of Tennessee Violent Crime Intervention Fund Project website before December 15, 2022.
3. The Blount County Sheriff's Office will compile a collaborative grant proposal with the aid of representatives from the participating police departments and assemble an agreed-upon budget submission for FY2023, FY2024, and FY2025.
4. The Blount County Sheriff's Office will submit the Competitive Collaborative Enhancement Grant application on behalf of the participating police departments by January 16, 2023.
5. If the grant submittal is awarded, the anticipated start date is March 2023. Afterward, the Blount County Sheriff's Office will disperse the provided funds as described in the submitted grant and budget proposal. (Software annual cost - \$125,000 (for 28 months of grant period = \$292,000) CAPITAL - Video Wall - \$250,000; 30 Cameras - \$540,000; Feed Video - \$50,400)
6. The Blount County Sheriff's Office will submit monthly invoices when expenditures are incurred and request reimbursement at least once per quarter.

7. The Alcoa City Police, Maryville City Police, Blount County Sheriff's Office, and Blount County Emergency Communications District (911) will collect and maintain data that measure the performance and effectiveness of activities under this award.
8. The Blount County Sheriff's Office will submit that collected data to the Office of Criminal Justice Programs (OCJP) within the timeframes specified in the program solicitation or as otherwise determined by OCJP.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall follow the Grant timeline, beginning upon signing this document and remaining in place through the end of FY2025, or as otherwise amended if the pursued funds are not awarded, or the grant is extended.

In witness whereof, each of the participating police departments has executed this Memorandum of Understanding on the date set forth below.

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[Agency/City/County representative, title]  
Alcoa City

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Date Signed

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[Agency/City/County representative, title]  
Maryville City

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Date Signed

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[Agency/City/County representative, title]  
Blount County

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Date Signed

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[Agency/City/County representative, title]  
Blount County Emergency Communications District (911)

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Date Signed