

TO: City Council
FROM: Brian Hurley, Fire Chief
DATE: September 15, 2026
SUBJECT: Alternative Response Team Grant Agreement with the Association of Washington Cities

1) Recommended Action:

Authorized the Mayor to sign the Alternative Response Grant Agreement with the Association of Washington Cities.

The agreement was recommended for approval on the consent calendar at the September 2, 2026 Public Health and Safety Committee meeting.

2) Background:

In 2024 the City of Tumwater entered into an interlocal agreement with the City of Olympia for a " FDCARES" or Fire Department Community Assistance, Referral, and Education Services program. The agreement provided for a half-time position to serve clients in Tumwater. In 2025 the city was awarded an Alternative Response Team Grant from the Association of Washington Cities to assist in funding this position full- time. This grant term is July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. This is the first renewal and the grant can be renewed one additional time.

3) Policy Support:

Build a Community Recognized for Quality, Compassion, and Humanity

- Develop innovative partnerships and strategies with community human and social services organizations to improve service delivery to people in need, including senior citizens, low- income residents, and others.

Provide and Sustain Quality Public Safety Services

- Develop innovative initiatives and programs to address growing service demands.
 - Explore and implement partnerships to improve efficiency of service delivery.
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4) Alternatives:

☐ Do not approve

5) Fiscal Notes:

Grant will reimburse up to \$80,000 for July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027.

6) Attachments:

A. ARTG Agreement with the Association of Washington Cities