

TO: Public Health & Safety Committee
FROM: Shawn Crimmins, Deputy Fire Chief
DATE: September 2, 2026
SUBJECT: Alternative Response Team Grant Agreement with the Association of Washington Cities

1) Recommended Action:

Place the Alternative Response Grant Agreement with the Association of Washington Cities on the September 15, 2026 City Counsel consent calendar with a recommendation to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign.

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
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5) Fiscal Notes:

Grant will reimburse up to \$80,000 for July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027. This grant can be applied for one additional cycle.

6) Attachments:

A. ARTG Agreement with the Association of Washington Cities