



**Agenda Item: Memorandum of Understanding**  
**Title: Approving MOU with County for Crime Victim Witness Services in Laramie Municipal Court.**

**Recommended Council MOTION:** I move to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the County for Victim Witness Services for 2021-2022 and authorize an expenditure of \$15,000 pursuant to the MOU and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign.

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**Administrative or Policy Goal:**

Ensuring that victims and witnesses associated with crimes prosecuted through Laramie Municipal Court will continue to receive services from the Crime Victim Witness program.

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**Background:**

This MOU continues the arrangement whereby the County-administered Crime Victim Witness (CVW) program provides services to victims of and witnesses to crimes prosecuted in Municipal Court. CVW assists victims by assisting the Court in assessing just restitution for victims, and keeping victims informed of the status and proceedings in their case. CVW also assists in scheduling and coordinating witness testimony.

These services are mandated by statute, administered by the County (for all courts, not just Municipal Court), and funded primarily by grants from the federal Victim of Crime Act. Some expenses of the program are not covered by grants, and the City has always contributed its share of those uncovered expenses.

This MOU requires a \$15,000 contribution from the City. This is the same amount as last year's MOU.

The County Commissioners have approved this MOU.

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**Responsible Staff:**

Robert Southard, City Attorney

Attachments:

MOU