

**THE STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF YELLOWSTONE
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE CITY OF BILLINGS, AND YELLOWSTONE COUNTY
2024 BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM AWARD
\$142,367 O-BJA-2024-172239**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2024, between the City of Billings (CITY) acting through its Mayor, and Yellowstone County (COUNTY) acting through its Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners.

WHEREAS, each governing body, in performing governmental functions or in paying for the performance of governmental functions hereunder, shall make that performance or those payments from current revenues legally available to that party, and

WHEREAS, each governing body finds that the performance of this Agreement is in the best interest of both parties, that the undertaking will benefit the public, and that the division of costs fairly compensates the performing party for the services or functions under this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City agrees to provide the County \$16,287. from the JAG award.

WHEREAS, the CITY and the COUNTY will file a joint application with the CITY serving as applicant/fiscal agent for the JAG funds.

WHEREAS, the CITY and the COUNTY believe it to be in their best interests and the best interests of both of them to reallocate the JAG funds in this matter so as to continue to qualify for future JAG awards and in order to maximize the benefit from this 2024 JAG award.

NOW THEREFORE, the CITY and COUNTY agree as follows:

1.The purpose of this MOU is to provide a binding promise by the City of Billings to share the proceeds of a \$142,367. JAG award with the County of Yellowstone.

2.This MOU shall commence on the date the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) is funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, and the funds are received by the City, and it shall terminate on September 30, 2027 unless the parties mutually agree, in writing, to an earlier termination date. This cooperative undertaking shall be financed exclusively from the JAG proceeds. CITY agrees to pay the COUNTY a total of \$16,287 of JAG funds. The COUNTY agrees to use \$20,611.00 for the program between the date of this agreement and September 30, 2027, the last day on which these funds may be spent, according the terms of the JAG.

3.Nothing in the performance of this MOU shall impose any liability for claims against the CITY or COUNTY. Each party to this agreement will be responsible for its own actions in providing services under this MOU and will save the other party harmless from and defend and indemnify them for any claims that arise due to or on account of any activities that are funded in whole or in part by JAG proceeds, and shall not be liable for any civil liability that may arise from the furnishing of the services by the other party. The parties to this MOU do not intend for any third party to obtain a right by virtue of this MOU. No separate legal entity shall be created by this contract. The accounting for funds received by each of the local governing bodies shall be done by the City of Billings Finance Department and the County of Yellowstone Sheriff's Office, respectively. The City of Billings Financial Services Manager shall administer the disbursement of JAG proceeds in cooperation with the County of Yellowstone Sheriff's Office. No personnel costs will be funded from these proceeds by either party so neither party will be required to file reports or make payments of retirement system contributions pursuant to §19-2-506, MCA.

4.In the event that any payment that is expected to be made pursuant to this JAG is not received by the City of Billings, or in the event that either party violates the terms of this MOU either party may terminate this agreement by giving written notice to the mayor (for notice to the City) or to the commission chair (for notice to

the County) of the manner in which the other party has violated the provisions hereof. If a party so notified does not remedy the default within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the notice of the violation, then the party giving notice of the violation is released and discharged from any further obligation under this MOU and the MOU is of no further legal effect.

By entering into the MOU, the parties do not intend to create any obligations express or implied other than those set out herein; further, this MOU shall not create any rights in any party not a signatory hereto.

City of Billings, Montana

County of Yellowstone

/s/ William A. Cole, Mayor

/s/ John Ostlund, Chairman
Yellowstone County Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Gina Dahl
City Attorney's Office

/s/ Scott Twito
Yellowstone County Attorney's Office