City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Police
To: City Council
From: City Manager & Staff
Council Meeting Date: May 19, 2025
Re: Resolution for Application to Missouri Blue Shield Program

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration a resolution demonstrating its commitment to public safety, including a commitment to reduce violent crime. This resolution is a required in order for the Police Department/City of Columbia to apply to the Missouri Blue Shield Program administered by the Missouri Department of Public Safety. Cities with the Missouri Blue Shield designation will be eligible to apply for specific state grants related to public safety training and equipment.

Discussion

The Police Department respectfully requests the passage of this resolution as it is a requirement for the Police Department/City to provide as part of its application to be designated a "Missouri Blue Shield City" by the Missouri Department of Public Safety.

The Blue Shield designation was created through Executive Order 25-03 as part of the Governor's Safer Missouri initiative. Achieving the Blue Shield designation allows communities to access state grants for law enforcement training and equipment. Blue Shield counties, cities, and towns must maintain their commitments each year to retain the Blue Shield designation via annual reporting on their ongoing efforts to support public safety to DPS. Among the Blue Shield designation eligibility criteria are:

- Passage of a resolution demonstrating a commitment to public safety, including to reduce violent crime within the jurisdiction;
- Extraordinary investments in public safety funding;
- Community policing initiatives or local partnerships to invest in and/or improve public safety;
- Law enforcement officer recruitment and retention program;
- Demonstrated effectiveness in reducing crime or innovative programs that attempt to reduce crime;
- Participates in regional anti-crime task forces, or a commitment to be a willing partner with these in the future; and
- Compliance with Missouri crime reporting and traffic stop data requirements and other related statutes.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: No anticipated costs (potential for cost savings via grant eligibility)
Long-Term Impact: No anticipated costs (potential for cost savings via grant eligibility)

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Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:
Primary Impact: Safe Community, Secondary Impact: Organizational Excellence, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary
Comprehensive Plan Impacts:
Primary Impact: Primary, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Legislative History

Date	Action
N/A	

Suggested Council Action

Should Council agree, staff recommends passage of the resolution to support the Police Department/City's application to the Missouri Blue Shield Program.