



# Proposal

Date: March 16, 2026

Proposal ID: 2026 03-16 SO-2

To: BOCC

From: Mark Crider, Sheriff

Intent – Gain BOCC approval to divert Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax (MVFT) funds.

Topic – Divert MVFT funds from Public Works to the Sheriff's Office to fund two (2) Deputy positions.

## **Summary**

WWSO is requesting to divert MVTF funds to replace the two (2) Deputy positions lost in the 2026 budget. Total cost for the Deputies would be less than \$250,000 a year. That amount of money would account for 8.7% of the 2026 Walla Walla County MVFT funds.

## **Need**

Walla Walla cut two (2) Deputy positions in the 2026 budget which put us even further below the national average of 2.31 Deputies per 1000 residents. We are currently at 1.54 Deputies per 1000 residents. With the growth in the western part of the county there is definitely the need for increased patrols.

## **Benefits**

The increase in law enforcement presence is an obvious benefit but it will also increase morale and lessen overtime and burnout in our current staffing.

## **Cost**

The cost breakdown would be as follows for each Deputy. Equipment costs would reduce to about \$1,200 after the initial outfitting of a new hire.

Wages	\$74,443
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Benefits	\$17,500
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Equipment	\$20,989
Total	\$112,932

**Alternatives Considered**

We have also submitted a proposal for a CJTC grant.

**Conclusion/Recommendation**

With approval we can immediately begin the hiring process and get these Deputies onboard.

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<u>Submitted By</u>			<u>Disposition</u>
<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date</u>	
Mark Crider	WWSO	03/16/2026	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved
			<input type="checkbox"/> Approved with modifications.
			<input type="checkbox"/> Needs follow up information.
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	BOCC Chairman	Date
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Additional Requirements to Proposal

Modification

Follow Up

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