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Commissioners to Hear Budget Requests for Public Safety Sales Tax

Kennewick, WA – The Board of Commissioners has agreed to call a special Board meeting to hear requests for funding for Public Safety Sales Tax.

Date: **Thursday, May 3, 2018**

Time: 1:30 PM

Location: 2nd Floor Commissioners Conference Room
Benton County Justice Center
7122 W Okanogan Place, Building A
Kennewick, WA 99336

Details

The Board of Commissioners stated that they will entertain requests related to the Public Safety Sales Tax and the Gang & Crime Prevention Initiative, prior to the normal budget process.

For the sake of consistency, coordination, and fairness, all Public Safety Sales Tax-related requests will be heard at that time only. Please note that while the presentations and requests are occurring earlier than the normal budget process, these requests will be effective beginning in the 2019-2020 biennium, not in 2018.

Gang & Crime Prevention Initiative

The Gang & Crime Prevention Initiative budget within the Public Safety Sales Tax is designed specifically to assist programs throughout the community that are coordinated by third-party entities. The mission of the Gang & Crime Prevention Initiative is to improve the quality of life for the residents of Benton County by reducing the incidences of gang-related and other crime in Benton County.

This Initiative will achieve its mission by providing resources to support the programmatic efforts of third-party partners that have gang and crime prevention as a primary goal. Requests under this Initiative will be considered if appropriate and allowed by law.

To be considered for funding through this Initiative, organizations must submit proposals no later than Friday, April 20, 2018. This will allow County administration and attorneys to review proposals for appropriateness and allowance by law. Funding is available only to tax-exempt organizations, whose proposed programs would be located in Benton County.

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