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## PUBLIC SAFETY TAX FUNDS TO ASSIST KIONA-BENTON CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM

Media Announcement Event to be held August 10, 2016 at 2 p.m. at  
Kiona-Benton City High School, 1205 Horne Drive, Benton City

**Kennewick, WA** – Benton County has signed a service contract with Kiona-Benton City School District for the Kiona-Benton Crime Prevention Program. Benton County will be contract with Kiona-Benton City School District to compensate a total of \$26,800.00 to be prorated August 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

### Media Event

A media announcement event has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 10 at 2 p.m. to be held at Kiona-Benton City High School, 1205 Horne Drive, Benton City.

### Use of Funds

The Kiona-Benton Crime Prevention Program (KBCPP) “seeks to reduce and eventually eliminate gang and other criminal activity for young people age 14-21 in the Benton City area of Benton County.” This program will target youth who have or at risk of dropping out of high school and connect them with an advocate and other resources to become productive adults. This includes funding a Site Coordinator as well as equipment and supplies and the cost of implementing and managing a parenting class, to be offered in December.

### About Kiona-Benton City School District

Kiona-Benton City School District #52 is a public school district within Benton County that has three schools: Kiona-Benton City Primary School, Middle School, and High School. Kiona-Benton City High School serves approximately 480 students, grades 9 through 12, with 64% of the student population classified as economically disadvantaged (students of poverty).

## Public Safety Tax Background

In August, 2014, the citizens of Benton County approved Proposition 14-5, a 3/10 of one percent sales and use tax, pursuant to RCW 82.14.450, applicable to most sales and use registrations, within Benton County. Expenditures are managed independently by Benton County and the cities within Benton County, for their respective shares of Public Safety Sales Tax revenue.

## About Benton County

Benton County is located in south-central Washington. The county seat is located in Prosser, and its largest city is Kennewick. Benton County was created on March 8, 1905 and was named after U.S. Senator Thomas Hart Benton. Benton County operates under the plural executive form of government with three commissioners and seven other elected officials. Benton County has offices located in Prosser, Kennewick, and Richland. For more information, please visit [www.co.benton.wa.us](http://www.co.benton.wa.us).

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