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PUBLIC SAFETY TAX FUNDS TO ASSIST BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF BENTON & FRANKLIN COUNTIES

Kennewick, WA – Benton County has signed a service contract with Boys and Girls Club of Benton and Franklin Counties to provide funds to the Prosser Teen Program in return for crime prevention services. Benton County will be contracting with Boys and Girls Club to compensate a total of \$55,000.00 to be prorated monthly, for August 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

Use of Funds

Funding from the Benton County Gang and Crime Prevention (BCGCP) Initiative will support the cost of program expansion for teens at the Club branch in Prosser, including supplies, field trips, and events. Prosser Club plans to enroll at least 55 teen members by December 31, 2016.

About Boys & Girls Club

The Boys & Girls Club of Benton and Franklin Counties are committed to empowering all young people, especially those who need them most to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. These clubs have been providing youth services in the Tri-Cities area since 1996, with 13 locations now throughout Benton and Franklin Counties.

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.

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