

RE: Resolution for Missouri Blue Shield Program

Background:

On March 5th 2025, Governor Mike Kehoe announced Missouri counties, cities, and towns can now apply for Missouri Blue Shield designation, recognizing their commitment to enhancing public safety, strengthening support for law enforcement, and building sustainable public safety partnerships.

Governor Kehoe stated he will work with the General Assembly to make \$10 million in grant funding for law enforcement training and equipment available to Blue Shield communities.

Analysis:

The Missouri Department of Public Safety (DPS) is administering the Blue Shield Program. DPS has encouraged communities to apply early, because if grant funding is approved by the General Assembly, the department will begin accepting grant applications in July, when the fiscal year 2026 funding becomes available.

For the City of Nixa to gain the Blue Shield designation we must meet the following criteria:

- 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

The passage of this resolution committing public safety and the reduction of violent crime in our city will help us meet these requirements to gain our Blue Shield designation, making us eligible for numerous grant opportunities.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of this resolution.

MEMO SUBMITTED BY:

Joe Campbell | Chief of Police

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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-17

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NIXA DEMONSTRATING THE**
2 **CITY’S COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SAFETY, INCLUDING A COMMITMENT TO**
3 **REDUCE VIOLENT CRIME WITHIN THE CITY, AS PART OF THE STATE’S BLUE**
4 **SHIELD PROGRAM.**

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6 **WHEREAS** on March 5, 2025, the Governor of the State of Missouri announced
7 that cities may apply for Missouri Blue Shield designation; and

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9 **WHEREAS** the Blue Shield designation is a recognition of the jurisdiction’s
10 commitment to enhancing public safety, strengthening support for law enforcement, and
11 building sustainable public safety partnerships; and

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13 **WHEREAS** to obtain Missouri Blue Shield designation, the City must, among other
14 things, pass a resolution demonstrating the City’s commitment to public safety, including
15 reducing violent crime; and

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17 **WHEREAS** the City Council desires to adopt this Resolution to, in addition to the
18 City’s concrete actions taken in recent years, further evidence the City’s commitment to
19 public safety and to reduce violent crime in the City.

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21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**
22 **NIXA, AS FOLLOWS, THAT:**

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24 **SECTION 1:** The City Council hereby expresses the Mayor’s, Council’s, and City’s
25 commitment to public safety and the reduction of violent crime within the City.

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27 **SECTION 2:** The City Administrator and the officers of the City are hereby
28 authorized to do all things necessary or convenient to obtain a Missouri Blue Shield
29 designation.

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31 **SECTION 3:** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its final
32 passage by the City Council and after its approval by the Mayor, subject to the provisions
33 of section 3.11(g) of the City Charter.

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47 **ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL THIS 25th DAY OF MARCH 2025.**

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ATTEST:

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PRESIDING OFFICER

CITY CLERK

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55 **APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2025.**

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ATTEST:

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MAYOR

CITY CLERK

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62 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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CITY ATTORNEY

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Program Requirements

The below requirements must be met to be acknowledged as a Missouri Blue Shield Community. Required documentation for the application is noted below the requirement.

1. The local government's governing body shall adopt a resolution demonstrating its commitment to public safety, including a commitment to reduce violent crime within its jurisdiction.
 - Upload the local government's resolution document.
2. The local government has made extraordinary investments in public safety in the last 5 years or has included extraordinary funding for public safety in the current budget.
 - Upload a signed letter from the treasurer indicating increases in law enforcement personnel or budget.
3. The community has participated in policing initiatives.
 - Select from a list of community policing initiatives. See Exhibit 1.
4. The local government's law enforcement agency has a police officer recruitment and retention program.
 - Upload the policy.
5. The local government has partnered with local stakeholders in a joint effort to invest in and/or improve public safety in a significant way.
 - Describe the partnership or upload supporting documentation.
6. The local government has demonstrated effectiveness in reducing crime or created innovative programs that attempt to reduce crime.
 - Describe the program or upload supporting documentation.
7. The local government's law enforcement agency participates in regional anti-crime task forces, or has a demonstrated commitment to be a willing partner with them in the future.
 - Describe the law enforcement agency's participation or upload a letter in intent to participate in regional anti-crime task forces.
8. The local government's law enforcement agency is committed to proactive policing practices
 - Select from a list of proactive policing practices. See Exhibit 2.
9. The local government's law enforcement agency must be in compliance with at least the following statutes: sections 43.505, 43.544, 590.030, 590.650.3, 590.700, and 590.1265, RSMo.
 - Attest to compliance with the above statutes.
10. The local government should also include a summary of their law enforcement agency's recent accomplishments and goals for the coming year and next five years.
 - Describe the law enforcement agency's recent accomplishments.
 - Describe the local government's goals in supporting and investing in its local law enforcement agency.



Exhibit 1

Community Policing Initiatives

<input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Watch Programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT)
<input type="checkbox"/> Police Athletic Leagues (PAL)	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Cleanups
<input type="checkbox"/> Community-Oriented Police Stations	<input type="checkbox"/> Business Watch Programs
<input type="checkbox"/> Foot and Bike Patrols	<input type="checkbox"/> Faith-Based Outreach
<input type="checkbox"/> Citizen Police Academies	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Safety Programs
<input type="checkbox"/> School Resource Officers (SROs)	<input type="checkbox"/> Reentry Support Programs
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Advisory Boards	<input type="checkbox"/> Child Development Project (CDP)
<input type="checkbox"/> Coffee with a Cop	<input type="checkbox"/> Rape Aggression Defense System (RAD)
<input type="checkbox"/> Violence Interruption Programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)
<input type="checkbox"/> Homeless Outreach Teams	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list)



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Proactive Policing Practices

Community Engagement & Prevention Strategies

<input type="checkbox"/> Community-Oriented Policing (COP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Business Crime Prevention Partnerships
<input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Watch Programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Police Athletic Leagues (PALs)
<input type="checkbox"/> School Resource Officers (SROs)	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Liaison Officers
<input type="checkbox"/> Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)	<input type="checkbox"/> Gang Prevention & Intervention Programs
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Awareness & Education Campaigns	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list)

Data-Driven Policing Strategies

<input type="checkbox"/> Predictive Policing	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Media Monitoring
<input type="checkbox"/> CompStat (Comparative Statistics)	<input type="checkbox"/> License Plate Readers (LPRs)
<input type="checkbox"/> Crime Mapping	<input type="checkbox"/> Real-Time Crime Centers (RTCCs)
<input type="checkbox"/> Hot Spots Policing	<input type="checkbox"/> Gunshot Detection Systems
<input type="checkbox"/> Intelligence-Led Policing (ILP)	<input type="checkbox"/> National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN)
<input type="checkbox"/> Fusion Centers	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list)



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Proactive Policing Practices

Targeted Enforcement & Patrol Strategies

<input type="checkbox"/> Directed Patrols	<input type="checkbox"/> Repeat Offender Programs (ROPs)
<input type="checkbox"/> Broken Windows Policing	<input type="checkbox"/> Parolee & Probation Checks
<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Enforcement for Crime Prevention	<input type="checkbox"/> Vice & Human Trafficking Task Forces
<input type="checkbox"/> Gun Violence Reduction Strategies	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list)

Technology & Surveillance-Based Strategies

<input type="checkbox"/> Body-Worn Cameras (BWCs)	<input type="checkbox"/> Surveillance Camera Networks
<input type="checkbox"/> Predictive Analytics for Dispatching	<input type="checkbox"/> Enhanced Suspect Identification
<input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Monitoring of Offender	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list)
<input type="checkbox"/> Crime Analysis Units	

Collaborative & Specialized Units

<input type="checkbox"/> Violent Crime Task Forces	<input type="checkbox"/> Cybercrime Units
<input type="checkbox"/> Crisis Intervention Teams (CITs)	<input type="checkbox"/> Terrorism Early Warning Groups
<input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence Prevention Units	<input type="checkbox"/> Inter-Agency Collaboration Programs
<input type="checkbox"/> Nuisance Abatement Programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Crisis Response Teams
<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Crime & Fraud Prevention Units	<input type="checkbox"/> High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas
<input type="checkbox"/> Human Trafficking Prevention Task Forces	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list)