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COURT SECURITY TASK FORCE

**Please Support This Court Security Funding Request By:**

1. Meeting with local legislators to support this effort; [find your district legislators](https://app.leg.wa.gov/districtfinder);
2. Asking your county/city executives and commissions/council members to adopt funding for court security as a legislative priority;
3. Sharing [materials](http://www.courts.wa.gov/programs_orgs/pos_bja/?fa=pos_bja.taskforcematerials) with your membership and colleagues and requesting that they contact their state legislators to support court security funding;
4. Sharing personal and community experiences to highlight how funding can address local needs and benefit the community. For example, you might discuss:
	* A court security incident occurred that jeopardized your safety or the safety of others;
	* A time when a court security officer prevented or intervened in a security incident;
	* A time when the presence of a court security officer would have helped de-escalate or respond to an incident in the courtroom;
5. During the legislative session, respond to emails requesting your outreach and support.

**Materials provided in the online** [Legislative Communications Toolkit](http://www.courts.wa.gov/programs_orgs/pos_bja/?fa=pos_bja.taskforcematerials)**:**

1. **Legislative Handout** can be shared with local legislators and stakeholders.
2. **Talking points** serve as a guide to consistently share the main points of the funding request. Please complement these by sharing local stories and needs.
3. **Frequently asked questions and answers** are available to assist in answering questions about why small and rural courts located in economically distressed jurisdictions have challenges to funding court security and the role of state versus local funding in these areas.
4. **Contact Legislators** is a spreadsheet listing the email addresses for all members of the committees of interest to this funding request.
5. **Support Letter Template** with language you can use in your advocacy communications.

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