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Dear Committee Members,

Our agency is very dependent on this YIP Grant. Our programs include Summer Youth Program, Change Starts with YOUth and Not a Number.

Our Summer Youth Program helps up to 200 kids connect more with our officers in a fun setting. For seven days they get to have lunch, listen to an educational topic, and do a recreational activity with police officers. This program creates an approachable setting for these kids to connect with the officers.

Change Starts with YOUth takes up to ten at-risk-youth to get a rare opportunity to form a bond with our School Resource Officers and Youth Services Coordinator that can benefit them throughout their years in school. This includes an educational speaker, lunch, and a recreational activity. They strive to show these youth that they care about their future and try to gain trust so they will feel comfortable coming to them in the future with problems.

Not a Number is a newer program we have started helping with. This program allows youth the opportunity to have lunch with Police and Rape & Abuse professionals and talk to them about human trafficking. This program is designed to provide youth with information and skills in a manner that inspires them to make safe choices.

With the funds from the grant the Moorhead Police Department is able to successfully run these programs and help our youth.

We greatly appreciate the funding we have had over the years to successfully run these programs. Without the grant we would be unable to continue this amazing work for these kids. We hope you consider us when deciding on this bill. Thank you,

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