



MEMORANDUM

TO: Whatcom County Council

FROM: Kayla Schott-Bresler, Strategic Initiatives Manger

RE: JAG Grant Agreement

DATE: March 20, 2024

Enclosed is a grant agreement between the Washington State Department of Commerce and Whatcom County for Council approval and Executive signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

In late 2023, the Executive's Office submitted a grant agreement to the JAG funding program through Commerce's Office of Firearm Safety & Violence Prevention to fund data work associated with the Whatcom County Justice project. The Executive's Office was awarded the contract, which will fund the following activities during 2024:

- Project management and facilitation for the County's IPRTF/JPOP committees, which will oversee progress of the County's criminal justice reform initiative through a data dashboard and other quantitative and qualitative assessments of success.
- Supplies, equipment and licenses associated with backend data work in the County's Information Services group. Data will be pulled from the Prosecuting Attorney, Public Defender, Courts, Sheriff, and Health and Community Services.
- Informatics and communications consultants to analyze and communicate data related to Implementation Plan projects and other reform efforts.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

This grant agreement provides for \$245,903 in federal pass through funds to Whatcom County.

If you have any questions, please contact Kayla Schott-Bresler at x5220 (kschottb@co.whatcom.wa.us).