



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: Lifeline Connections – CJTA Substance Use Disorder Assessment Contract

DATE: February 1, 2023

Attached is a contract between Whatcom County and Lifeline Connections for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

This contract funds substance use disorder (SUD) assessments and post-assessment treatment coordination as a component of re-entry for people releasing from the Whatcom County Jail and for people referred in the community through criminal/legal referral channels. The goal is to provide eligible people who are in the criminal/legal system, and specifically those who are releasing from the Whatcom County Jail with smooth transitions to community inpatient or outpatient substance use disorder (SUD) treatment. This contract is awarded as a result of RFP 22-54 and Lifeline Connections was the only respondent.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$138,642 (\$36,746 for the 03/01/2023 – 06/30/2023 contract period and \$101,896 for the 07/01/2023 – 06/30/2024 contract period), is provided by the Criminal Justice Treatment Account (CJTA) administered through the Washington State Health Care Authority. These funds are included in the 2023 budget. Council approval is required as funding exceeds \$40,000.

Please contact Perry Mowery, Behavioral Health and Special Projects Supervisor at 360-778-6059 (PMowery@co.whatcom.wa.us) or Kathleen Roy, Financial & Administrative Manager at 360-778-6007 (KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us) if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request.

