

**WHATCOM COUNTY
DISTRICT COURT**
Whatcom County Courthouse
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Judge

DAVID M. GRANT
Judge

ANTHONY PARISE
Commissioner

BRUCE VAN GLUBT
Administrator

MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Bruce Van Glubt
RE: **Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham regarding Domestic Violence Perpetrator Opportunity for Treatment Services (DVPOTS)**
DATE: March 13 2020

▪ Background and Purpose

This agreement addresses the administrative oversight of the City DVPOTS funds. The County and City have worked collaboratively on this Interlocal Agreement. In addition, the County and the City worked collaboratively on the DVPOTS Implementation Guide which establishes an objective screening process for determining defendant eligibility for funds, treatment agency eligibility for reimbursement for services, specific criteria for reimbursement for services, reimbursement rates, assessment and treatment progress report standards, and distribution of funds.

The purpose of DVPOTS is to use allocated funds to pay for domestic violence perpetrator assessments and treatment for qualifying indigent defendants, who have no readily available source of funding to access services independently.

▪ Funding Amount and Source

The City funding amount is \$100,000.00, and the source, on a reimbursement basis, is the City of Bellingham.

▪ Implementation of this Interlocal Agreement

Implementation of this Interlocal Agreement is contingent on County Council approval of the corresponding Supplemental Budget Request, which is also scheduled for action on March 24, 2020.

▪ Differences from Previous Contract

There has never been a previous Interlocal agreement on this topic.

Enclosed is one copy of the Interlocal Agreement. The City has the originals as they are scheduled to review it for approval on March 23, 2020. Upon approval, the City will send the originals for County signature.

The County has previously allocated \$90,000.00 for DVPOTS funding and the County Council approved a Supplemental Budget Request for these funds earlier this year.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached at extension 5405.