



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director
RE: Lifeline Connections – CJTA Substance Use Disorder Assessment Contract Amendment #1
DATE: JUNE 3, 2024

Attached is a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Lifeline Connections for your review and signature. This amendment extends the contract for an additional year and updates invoicing requirements. This amendment also increases funding over the previous contract period (ending 6/30/24) to reflect a one-time increase utilizing Jail Transition Services funds, to increase the number of SUD assessments available to the community from 150 to 275.

▪ **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 with smooth transitions to community inpatient or outpatient SUD treatment.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract period (07/01/2024 – 06/30/2025), in an amount not to exceed \$181,977, is provided by the Criminal Justice Treatment Account (CJTA) passed through the Washington State Health Care Authority and North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (NS BHASO) Jail Services Program. The CJTA funds are included in the 2024 budget and the supplemental budget request for the NS BHASO- ICN amendment will be voted on by council on July 23, 2024. Council approved the grant award on 5/21/24 (AB2024-330). Council authorization is required as funding for this amendment exceeds 10% of the amount authorized by Council on 02/07/2023.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contracts**

Section	Differences
General Terms – Section 10.2, Extension	Extends contract through 06/30/2025
General Terms – Section 37.1, Administration of Contract & 37.2, Notice	Updates the County's Contract Administrator contact information
Exhibit A – Scope of Work	Adds eligibility for clients referred from juvenile detention
Exhibit B – Compensation	Updates the budget to reflect the 24-25 contract period and invoicing requirements

Please contact Perry Mowery, Response Systems Supervisor at 360-778-6059 (PMowery@co.whatcom.wa.us) if you have any questions.

