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MEMORANDUM

To: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
From: Stephanie Kraft, Superior and Juvenile Court Administrator
Subject: Uniform Guardianship Act Reimbursement for July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027 with
Administrative Office of the Courts
Date: June 24, 2026

Enclosed is one (1) original of the Agreement between Whatcom County and Administrative Office of the Courts for your review and signature.

Background and Purpose

This agreement provides reimbursement to Whatcom County of costs associated with attorney appointments for a minor, parent, or an adult, or for court visitor appointments for minors or an adult, made pursuant to the Uniform Guardianship, Conservatorship and Other Protective Arrangements Act (UGA), Chapter 11.130 RCW.

Funding Amount and Source

The Administrative office of the Courts will reimburse Whatcom County Superior Court up to a maximum of \$89,144. Council approval, is required pursuant 03.06.010 for grants exceeding \$40,000 and RCW 39.34.030(2) for agreements between public agencies.

Differences from Previous Contract

This is a new agreement; however, Whatcom County Superior Court has been receiving reimbursement for expenses related to the UGA since 2021. Funding for this agreement period (07/01/2026-06/30/2027) is \$21,404.00 more than the funding provided in the previous agreement that ended on 06/30/2026 (WC Contract # 202507012).

Please contact Stephanie Kraft, Superior and Juvenile Court Administrator, at ext. 5496 or SKraft@co.whatcom.wa.us if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Encl.