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Stephanie Kraft
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Stephanie Kraft, Superior and Juvenile Court Administrator

RE: County Program Agreement Block Grant for State Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 with Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families

DATE: June 18, 2025

Enclosed is an original of County Program Agreement for the Block Grant between State of Washington Department of Children, Youth and Families and Whatcom County for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

Whatcom County has long contracted with the Department of Children, Youth and Families Juvenile Rehabilitation for services relating to programming for juvenile offenders under the Supervision of Juvenile Court.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

State of Washington Department of Children, Youth and Families has not calculated the rates of reimbursement to date. It is anticipated this will be completed by July 1, 2025 and reimbursement shall be at the newly established rate (assuming the County completes an application for funding). If there is a delay, funding will continue at the previous contract rate and will be applied retroactively to July 1, 2025, once the issue is resolved. In State fiscal year 2025, the County was allocated \$380,594. It is anticipated the State fiscal year 2026 rate will be close to that same amount.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contract**

The contract was previously called the Consolidated Contract. DCYF has separated out the Block Grant from the other components of the Consolidated Contract (reimbursement for holding youth in our detention facility for Juvenile Rehabilitation). A second contract covering what was previously in the Consolidated Contract should be coming soon.

Please contact **Stephanie Kraft** at extension **5496**, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.