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Stephanie Kraft Superior and Juvenile Court Administrator

MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Stephanie Kraft, Superior and Juvenile Court Administrator

RE: Volunteer Guardian Ad Litem Program for July 1, 2024-June

30, 2025 with the Administrative Office of the Courts

DATE: August 23, 2024

Enclosed is an original of the interagency agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington Administrative Office of the Courts for your review and signature.

Background and Purpose

Whatcom County Superior Court has been receiving reimbursement for expenses related to the Volunteer Guardian Ad Litem (VGAL) Program.

Funding Amount and Source

The Administrative Office of the Courts will reimburse Whatcom County Superior Court Juvenile Division up to a maximum of \$84,523.00 for reimbursement of costs for providing VGAL service in dependency proceedings.

Differences from Previous Contract

The contract amount is \$3,338 less than the previous years contract reimbursement for court costs.

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

Encl.