



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Dave Reynolds, Director
RE: Awarded grant from the Office of Crime Victims Advocacy
DATE: July 9, 2020

Enclosed are two (2) originals of the Interagency Agreement between Whatcom County Superior Court and the State of Washington Office of Crime Victims Advocacy for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

The Purpose of this agreement is to reimburse Whatcom County for expenses associated with the expansion of advocacy services for child victims of abuse and neglect in dependency proceedings by increasing the number of Volunteer Guardians ad Litem (VGAL).

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

The State of Washington Office of Crime Victims Advocacy has awarded Whatcom County Juvenile Court a grant up to \$74,998.00 and Whatcom County agrees to match \$28,377.00 to continue to fund the VGAL Program Coordinator to grow the VGAL program.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contract**

This is a \$20,175.00 decrease from the previous grant award amount and Whatcom County will decrease its matching price by \$3,686.00 less than the previous contract that ran from Jan 1, 2019- June 30, 2020. The grant duration has also changed from 18 months to 1 year.

Please contact Dave Reynolds after the Executive has signed so they can be forwarded to VOCA for full execution. Please contact him, at extension 5495, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Encl.