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**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive  
**FROM:** Erika Lautenbach, Director  
**RE:** Washington State Health Care Authority – Criminal Justice Treatment Account Contract  
**DATE:** AUGUST 30, 2023

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Attached is a contract between Whatcom County and Washington State Health Care Authority for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

The Criminal Justice Treatment Account grant provides funding and defines requirements for providing substance use disorder treatment and recovery support to those involved in the criminal justice system in accordance with RCW 71.24.580.

▪ **Funding Amount**

This grant provides \$651,108 in funding for the 2023 – 2025 biennium. Council authorization is required for grants exceeding \$40,000 per WCC 3.08.060.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contracts**

This contract includes the following changes from the contract ending on 06/30/2023 (WC Contract #201909026):

- a. Switch to a performance-based model, with monthly disbursement of funds
- b. Highlighting the option to submit the new biennium plan early to be paid earlier
- c. Standardization of the 45 day period to submit reporting after the end of the quarter
- d. Language about the possibility of later switching activities reporting to Edifecs

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