



WHATCOM COUNTY CONTRACT INFORMATION SHEET (CIS)

Whatcom Co. Contract #:

Originating Department: 35 - Sheriff

Division: 3540 Bureau of Support Services

Program: 354011 Records

Contract or Grant Administrator: Steve Harris, Undersheriff

Contractor's / Agency Name: Attorney General of Washington

Title of Agreement (optional): SAKI 2021 15PBJA-21-GG-04316 Purpose Area 1 National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative

Type of Contract: Grant (Whatcom County is Grantor) (Federal Funds)

If amendment or renewal, original contract #:

Is this is a grant agreement? Yes

If so, grantor agency contract #: RU-26-20

ALN: 16.833

Note: Complete ALN field if contract involves direct federal grants/cooperative agreements or pass-through federal funds.

Is this contract grant-funded? No

If yes, Whatcom County grant contract number(s):

If this contract the result of an RFP? No

If yes, RFP number(s):

Is this contract the result of a Bid Process? No

If yes, Bid Number(s):

Does this contract involve federal reimbursement? (i.e. fed grant, cooperative agreement, pass-through fed funds, etc.) No

Procurement method: N/A - Interlocal/Grant - For interlocal agreements between governments or grant-funded contracts

Council review: Required - Interlocal agreement (Cooperative Purpose, Referencing RCW 39.34)

Fund(s): 1000

Cost Center(s): 10003592

Object Account(s): 10003592.4333.1604

Original Contract Amount: \$ 8,920.00

This Amendment Amount: \$

Total Cumulative Amount: \$ 8,920.00

Contract term ends: 09/30/2026

Key words/summary (optional):

Indirect Federal Grant award from Attorney General of Washington to purchase a refrigeration unit to store DNA samples from sexual assault investigations.

Contract routing (please initial & date):

Prepared by: Donna Duling 7/13/26

Contractor signed: _____

Contractor review: _____

Executive review: _____

Attorney signoff: Approved via email TS/DD 7/13

Council approval, if necessary: _____

AS Finance review: J. Thomson 07/14/2026

AB#: _____

IT review (if related): _____

Executive signed: _____



Nick Brown

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF WASHINGTON

1125 Washington Street SE – PO Box 40100 – Olympia, WA 98504-0100

June 22, 2026

Records/ID Administrator Hannah Zabel
Whatcom County Sheriff's Office
311 Grand Avenue, B1
Bellingham, WA 98225

Dear Hannah Zabel:

Sexual assault is a devastating crime that affects thousands of Washingtonians. My office's Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) project is part of a coordinated, statewide effort to test every single backlogged sexual assault kit in the state. Thanks to the work of our Initiative and others, the state has virtually eliminated its backlog of untested sexual assault kits and holistically improved our state's response to sexual assault. This project is a collaborative effort with law enforcement, victim advocates, sexual assault nurse examiners, prosecutors, and others.

As part of that partnership, I am pleased to announce that your agency is selected to receive an award from my office to purchase a refrigeration unit for storage of evidence from sexual assault investigations.

Working together, we are committed to solving these crimes, holding offenders accountable, and finding justice for victims.

Thank you for your commitment to public safety and for tackling these difficult cases. We are honored to play a part in a collective nationwide effort to address sexual assault offenses in our region.

Sincerely,

Nick Brown
Attorney General

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Nick Brown

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF WASHINGTON

800 Fifth Avenue #2000 • Seattle WA 98104-3188

June 30, 2026

RE: SAKI 2021 15PBJA-21-GG-04316 Purpose Area 1 National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative

The Washington State Office of the Attorney General (AGO) is pleased to announce that your agency has been selected to receive an award to purchase a refrigeration unit to help with storage of evidence from sexual assault investigations as outlined in the Subrecipient Commitment form that your agency completed and submitted to AGO Grants. Any purchases that exceed \$1,000 over the subaward amount listed in the Summary of Subaward, Maximum Subgrantee Award total, require justification for the excess cost and written approval from the AGO prior to purchase.

This is a cost reimbursement grant, and funds will not be awarded in advance. Upon purchase of this unit, please submit any invoices and receipts for reimbursement along with photos of the purchased refrigeration unit to FISGrants@atg.wa.gov. The unit must be purchased and received prior to September 30, 2026.

Please sign and date below to acknowledge acceptance of this grant (Summary of Subaward attached) and return to FISGrants@atg.wa.gov by July 20, 2026.

The Attorney General's Office would like to thank you for your commitment to public safety and for partnering with the AGO in its efforts to address the accumulation of unsubmitted sexual assault kits and provide answers to survivors and their families.

We look forward to our continued partnership on this important project. If you have any questions, please email FISGrants@atg.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Maggi Qerimi, Managing AAG, SAKI Unit Lead

SUMMARY OF SUBAWARD

SUBGRANTEE Whatcom County Sheriff's Office		Pass-Through Entity AGO Washington State Office of the Attorney General	
SUBGRANTEE'S Representative Hannah Zabel, Records Administrator 311 Grand Ave, Suite B-1 Bellingham WA 98225 hzabel@co.whatcom.wa.us		AGO Program Representative Maggi Qerimi, Managing AAG P.O. Box TB-14, Seattle, WA, 98104 Phone: 206-389-2783 Email: Maggi.Qerimi@atg.wa.gov	
Other SUBGRANTEE Representative (if applicable)		AGO Administrative Representative Cherié Norris, Grant & Contract Coordinator P.O. Box 40107, Olympia, WA 98504-0107 Phone: 360-709-6465 Email: FISGrants@atg.wa.gov	
Federal Assistance Information			
Federal Award Project Description: National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative			
Federal Grant Award Number: SAKI 2021 15PBJA-21-GG-04316 Purpose Area 1		Federal Agency: US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance	
Federal Grant Award Date: 10/1/2021-9/30/2026		Federal Assistance Listing Number: 16.833	
Funding Source: Federal: ☒ State: ☐ Other: ☐ N/A: ☐		AGO Subaward Grant Agreement Number: RU-26-20	
Maximum SUBGRANTEE Award: \$8,920.00	Amount of Federal Funds Obligated: \$8,920.00	Total Amount of Federal Funds Obligated: \$8,920.00	Total Amount of Federal Funds Committed: \$8,920.00
Period of Performance Start Date: Date Agreement is fully executed	Period of Performance End Date: 9/30/2026	Budget Period Start Date: Date Agreement is fully executed	Budget Period End Date: 9/30/2026
Is the SUBGRANTEE a subrecipient of federal assistance for the purposes of this agreement? ☒ Yes ☐ No		Is this agreement funded by a federal award for research and development? ☐ Yes ☒ No	

SUBGRANTEE Statewide Vendor Number:	SUBGRANTEE Unique Entity Identifier: NT6RMN8HTN7	Indirect cost rate if applicable: N/A
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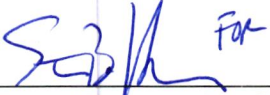
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD

See Attached

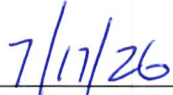
Signature and Date

Printed Name and Title

WHATCOM COUNTY:
Recommended for Approval:



Donnell Tanksley, Sheriff



Date

Approved as to form:

Approved via email TS/DD

Prosecuting Attorney

7/13/26

Date

Approved:
Accepted for Whatcom County:

By: _____
Satpal Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive

Date