

**WHATCOM COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Donnell Tanksley, Sheriff 

DATE: July 13, 2026

SUBJECT: Washington State Office of the Attorney General
Federal Grant Award: SAKI 2021 15PBJA-21-GG-04316 Purpose Area 1
National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative
AGO Grant Agreement #RU-26-20

Enclosed for your review and signature is one (1) original agreement between Whatcom County Sheriff's Office and Attorney General of Washington for federal grant award of \$8,920.00.

Background and Purpose

In a letter dated June 22, 2026, the Washington State Office of the Attorney General (AGO) awarded the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office an indirect federal grant for the sole purpose of purchasing a refrigeration unit to store DNA samples from sexual assault investigations.

Funding Amount and Source

This is a pass through award of \$8,920.00 from the Washington State Office of the Attorney General, Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) Project, funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, CFDA 16.833. Council authorization is required pursuant to RCW 39.34.030(2) for agreements between public agencies.

Differences from Previous Contract

A similar grant was received in 2022, WCC#202204025, in the amount of \$3,000.00. The funding provided through this 2026 grant will procure a larger refrigerator and will be utilized alongside the smaller refrigerator procured through the 2022 grant.

Please contact Records Manager, Hannah Zabel, at extension 6676 if you have any questions regarding the terms of this agreement.