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MEMO TO: Satpal Sidhu, Executive

FROM: Vanessa Martin, Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Administrator

DATE: Aug 5, 2021

RE: Victim/Witness Assistance Grant

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District Court Prosecutor’s handle a large share of serious domestic violence cases, and it is the only court at the county that facilitates supervision of domestic violence offenders on probation. The legislature requires prosecutors to keep victims informed and to provide emotional support for victims of violence and sex crimes, including having the advocate present at defense interviews and judicial proceedings (R.C.W. 7.69.030). Effective prosecution depends on cooperation from victims of crime. Staffing the position is absolutely necessary to ensure the health and well-being of the community and victims of domestic violence.

The office was awarded the grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce in the amount of \$60,368 to put towards the salary and benefits for a full-time position. The County agrees to pay for the remaining \$ 17,577.95 to cover a portion of the position’s salary and benefits expenses.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you kindly.