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MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: David L. Reynolds, Director

RE: VOCA Grant Amendment for July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024 with Washington State Department of Commerce Office of Crime Victims Advocacy

DATE: August 17, 2023

Enclosed are two (2) originals of the interagency agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Commerce Office of Crime Victims Advocacy.

▪ **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 capacity of the Volunteer Guardian ad Litem (VGAL) program.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

The Washington State Office of Crime Victims Advocacy (OCVA) has awarded Whatcom County Juvenile Court an additional grant amount of \$27,942.00 for July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024. The total amount, with this amendment, of the grant is \$55,884.00,

▪ **Differences from Previous Contract**

This is an amendment granting an additional \$27,942.00 for July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024.

Please note, this amendment was signed by Executive Sidhu without being routed through the contract/grant process. OCVA erred in that it was not sent to the department contact. We are now routing this through the county process.

Please contact **Dave Reynolds** at extension **5565**, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement,

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