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MEMO TO: Satpal Sidhu, Executive

FROM: Louise Trapp, Administrative Manager

DATE: April 4, 2023

RE: High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Funding

Attached is a contract between Whatcom County and the Executive Office of the President for your review and signature:

- **Background and Purpose:**

NW HIDTA sent the 2023/2024 HIDTA approved grant award. The HIDTA grant funds pertain to reimbursement for salaries and benefits for two employees in my office, which is a Deputy II Prosecutor and a Legal Assistant III. This grant will support initiatives designed to implement the Strategy proposed by the Executive Board of the NW HIDTA and approved by the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

- **Funding Amount and Source:**

The 2023/2024 HIDTA grant amount of federal funding is \$159,354. The two positions that are assigned to the HIDTA initiative, also work on cases that are not HIDTA related; therefore, the grant only reimburses for a portion of the salaries and benefits. The grant agreement and conditions are enclosed.

- **Differences Between Previous Contract:**

The Prosecutor's office has received this same grant in previous years with only a few changes to the 2023/2024 award. The award is slightly lower than previous years because our award was combined with Superior Court. This award is solely for the Prosecutor's Office which was the same amount we received for our office last year.

Please contact Louise Trapp, Administrative Manager at 360-778-5716 (ltrapp@co.whatcom.wa.us) if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request.