



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Jack Louws, County Executive

**FROM:** Dave Reynolds, Director

**RE:** **Awarded grant from the Office of Crime Victims Advocacy**

**DATE:** January 14, 2019

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Enclosed are two (2) originals of the Interagency Agreement between Whatcom County Superior Court and the State of Washington Office of Crime Victims Advocacy for your review and signature.

▪ **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 or neglect in dependency proceedings by increasing the number of volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

The State of Washington Office of Crime Victims Advocacy has awarded Whatcom County Juvenile Court a grant up to \$95,173.00 and Whatcom County agrees to match \$32,063.00 to fund the hiring of an additional CASA Coordinator to help grow the CASA program.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contract**

This is a new grant and contract. The term of the grant is 18 months. It will begin Jan 1, 2019 and expire on June 30, 2020.

Please return both copies to **Dave Reynolds** after the Executive has signed so they can be forwarded to VOCA for full execution. Please contact him, at extension **5495**, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Encl.