



MEMORANDUM

TO: Jack Louws, County Executive

FROM: ^{RAD} Regina A. Delahunt, Director

RE: Washington Vocational Services – Services to Individuals with Developmental Disabilities Contract

DATE: May 23, 2019

Enclosed are two (2) originals of a contract between Whatcom County and Washington Vocational Services for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

The purpose of this contract is to provide “Pathways to Employment” and “Community Inclusion” services to eligible individuals with developmental disabilities. Pathways to Employment services are designed to assist individuals with developmental disabilities to pursue and maintain paid employment in integrated community settings. On average, 335 adults receive services monthly through the five, County qualified providers in 2018.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

The source of funding for this contract is the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA); funding includes state general fund and Medicaid. Total compensation under this contract will vary depending on the number of clients and the types of services authorized, however, the estimated authorized service level is \$191,225. These funds are included in the 2019 budget. Council approval is required as funding is expected to exceed \$40,000.

Please contact Jessica Lee at extension #6047 if you have any questions regarding this agreement.

Encl.

