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## WHATCOM COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY **ERIC J. RICHEY**

MEMO TO: Satpal Sidhu, Executive

FROM: Laura Singletary, Administrative Manager

DATE: May 17, 2024

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 2024/2025 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. 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 2024/2025 HIDTA grant amount of federal funding is \$170,590. 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 80% 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 2024/2025 award. The award is slightly higher this year which reflects the 3% wage increase for County Employees. This award is solely for the Prosecutor's Office.

Please contract Laura Singletary, Administrative Manager at 360-778-5716 (lsinglet@co.whatcom.wa.us) if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request.