



## Whatcom County Public Defender's Office

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Whatcom County Council Members  
**From:** Julie Wiles, Office Administrator, Whatcom County Public Defender's Office  
**Subject:** Washington State Office of Public Defense 10.101 grant funds for 2025  
**Date:** November 21, 2024

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### BACKGROUND

Each year the Public Defender's office receives grant funds from the Washington State Office of Public Defense (pursuant to Chapter 10.101 RCW) in order to help cover the salaries and benefits for two attorney positions in the Whatcom County Public Defender's Office. This subject grant is based on the amount of felony filings and therefore fluctuates from year to year.

For 2025, the Washington State Office of Public Defense proposes to provide \$213,104.00 to the Whatcom County Public Defender's Office for the purpose of improving the quality of public defense services.

### ACTION:

The Public Defender's Office and the County Executive request the County Council members review and approve of this subject grant contract between Whatcom County and the Washington State Office of Public Defense.