

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

**FROM:** Eric Richey, Whatcom County Prosecutor

**RE:** Washington State Health Care Authority – Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Program Contract K5735

**DATE:** January 28, 2022

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- **Background and Purpose**

The Prosecuting Attorney's Office has been awarded a 2-year grant through the Washington State Health Care Authority to provide funding for the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program in Whatcom County. The LEAD program is a community-based diversion program with the goal of improving public safety and public order, and reducing unnecessary criminal legal system involvement of people who participate in the program. Sea Mar will provide intensive case management services to LEAD members.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$1,175,834 during the contract period (10/01/2021 – 6/30/2023). The funding for this contract is provided by the Washington State Health Care Authority.

Please contact Vanessa Martin at [vmartin@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:vmartin@co.whatcom.wa.us) if you have any questions regarding this contract.

Thank you kindly.