

**WHATCOM COUNTY CONTRACT
INFORMATION SHEET**

Whatcom County Contract No.

202207027

Originating Department:	Washington Administrative Office of the Courts
Division/Program: (i.e. Dept. Division and Program)	
Contract or Grant Administrator:	David Reynolds
Contractor's / Agency Name:	Whatcom County

Is this a New Contract? If not, is this an Amendment or Renewal to an Existing Contract? Yes No
 Yes No If Amendment or Renewal, (per WCC 3.08.100 (a)) Original Contract #: _____

Does contract require Council Approval? Yes No If No, include WCC: _____
 Already approved? Council Approved Date: _____ (Exclusions see: Whatcom County Codes 3.06.010, 3.08.090 and 3.08.100)

Is this a grant agreement? Yes No If yes, grantor agency contract number(s): _____ CFDA#: _____

Is this contract grant funded? Yes No If yes, Whatcom County grant contract number(s): _____

Is this contract the result of a RFP or Bid process? Contract _____
 Yes No If yes, RFP and Bid number(s): _____ Cost Center: 1959

Is this agreement excluded from E-Verify? No Yes If no, include Attachment D Contractor Declaration form.

If YES, indicate exclusion(s) below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional services agreement for certified/licensed professional. | <input type="checkbox"/> Goods and services provided due to an emergency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contract work is for less than \$100,000. | <input type="checkbox"/> Contract for Commercial off the shelf items (COTS). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contract work is for less than 120 days. | <input type="checkbox"/> Work related subcontract less than \$25,000. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interlocal Agreement (between Governments). | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works - Local Agency/Federally Funded FHWA. |

Contract Amount:(sum of original contract amount and any prior amendments):
 \$ 253,918
 This Amendment Amount:
 \$ _____
 Total Amended Amount:
 \$ 253,918

Council approval required for; all property leases, contracts or bid awards **exceeding \$40,000**, and professional service contract amendments that have an increase greater than \$10,000 or 10% of contract amount, whichever is greater, **except when**:

1. Exercising an option contained in a contract previously approved by the council.
2. Contract is for design, construction, r-o-w acquisition, prof. services, or other capital costs approved by council in a capital budget appropriation ordinance.
3. Bid or award is for supplies.
4. Equipment is included in Exhibit "B" of the Budget Ordinance.
5. Contract is for manufacturer's technical support and hardware maintenance of electronic systems and/or technical support and software maintenance from the developer of proprietary software currently used by Whatcom County.

Summary of Scope:

The purpose of this interlocal agreement is to provide Whatcom County Superior Court reimbursement for services rendered in relation to Truancy, At-Risk Youth, and Child in Need of Services petitions.

Term of Contract: 07-01-2021

Expiration Date: 06-30-2023

Contract Routing:	1. Prepared by: <u>DReynolds</u>	Date: <u>7-5-2022</u>
	2. Attorney signoff: <u>KFrakes</u>	Date: <u>7-6-2022</u>
	3. AS Finance reviewed: <u>M Caldwell</u>	Date: <u>7/6/22</u>
	4. IT reviewed (if IT related): _____	Date: _____
	5. Contractor signed: _____	Date: _____
	6. Submitted to Exec.: _____	Date: <u>7-6-22</u>
	7. Council approved (if necessary): <u>✓</u>	Date: <u>7.26.22</u>
	8. Executive signed: _____	Date: <u>7.27.22</u>
	9. Original to Council: <u>✓</u>	Date: <u>8-18-22</u>

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**INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT IAA23852
BETWEEN
WASHINGTON STATE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS
AND
Whatcom COUNTY JUVENILE COURT
FOR
BECCA PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into by and between the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) and Whatcom County Juvenile Court (Contractor).

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to engage the services of the Contractor to administer Truancy, At Risk Youth and Child in Need of Services (Becca) programs and services within its jurisdiction and according to the intent of the Becca legislation chapter 13.32A RCW.

Funds received by the Contractor under this Agreement may only be used to supplement, not supplant, any other local, state or federal funds received by the Contractor.

STATEMENT OF WORK

The Contractor will administer Truancy, At Risk Youth (ARY) and Child in Need of Services (CHINS) programs within the Contractor's jurisdiction pursuant to chapter 13.32A, RCW.

The Contractor shall submit summary reports to AOC documenting Becca activities. These reports shall provide the number of petitions broken down as follows:

- a. CHINS petitions;
- b. ARY petitions; and,
- c. Truancy petitions.

The Becca Bi-Annual Report to the Administrative Office of the Courts shall be **submitted electronically**. The required form for bi-annual reporting, which is incorporated in this agreement, is located on the Inside Courts website under Court Resources> Court Management and choose the "Becca Bi-Annual Report to AOC".

Reporting schedule:

Period	Report Due
07/01/22 - 12/31/22	01/31/23
01/01/23 - 06/30/23	07/31/23

Failure to submit a report by the due date may adversely affect state funding of the Becca program.

If you have questions, please contact the AOC Program Manager Sondra Hahn at Sondra.Hahn@courts.wa.gov or (360) 705-5276.

PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

The execution of this Agreement shall constitute a ratification of an earlier verbal agreement between the parties that is now set forth in writing. Accordingly, the beginning date of performance under this Agreement is **July 1, 2022** regardless of the date of execution and it shall end on **June 30, 2023**, except for any remaining obligations of the Contractor as may exist.

COMPENSATION

- a. Contractor shall be reimbursed a maximum of \$253,918 for costs incurred during the period of performance. Payment for satisfactory performance of the work shall not exceed this amount unless the parties mutually agree to a higher amount in writing, except as governed by the REVENUE SHARING section of this agreement.
- b. Contractor shall receive payment for actual costs (within the amount identified) which are associated with the processing and case management of CHINS, ARY and Truancy referrals/petitions. Contractor shall use BECCA Cost Guidelines (Exhibit A) as a guide for determining what costs should be reimbursed.
- c. Contractor shall not be reimbursed until properly-completed monthly A-19 invoice and Becca Monthly Detail Report (Exhibit B) is received and approved by AOC.
- d. If this agreement is terminated, Contractor shall only receive payment for performance rendered or costs incurred in accordance with the terms of this agreement prior to the effective date of termination.
- e. Contractor shall submit invoices to AOC monthly.
- f. Payment will be made by the AOC upon receipt of a properly-completed Washington State form A-19 and Becca Monthly Detail Report (Exhibit B). Invoices are to be sent via email to AOC Financial Services at payables@courts.wa.gov. AOC will remit payment to the Contractor in a total amount not to exceed the value of this contract.
- g. Payments will be considered timely if made by the AOC within 30 days of receipt of a properly prepared invoice by the AOC or receipt of satisfactory services, whichever is later.
- h. Contractor shall maintain sufficient backup documentation of direct costs expenses under this Agreement.
- i. Allocated administrative court costs must be applied at a rate that is set forth and supported by a documented internal administrative rate plan that has been approved by the designated authority at the Superior Court and is readily accessible for review by AOC or the State Auditor.

REVENUE SHARING

AOC, in its sole discretion and upon notice, may reallocate funding among county Becca programs. If it appears Contractor may not expend the maximum contract amount, AOC may reduce the maximum contract amount. AOC may increase the maximum contract amount if additional funds become available through this revenue sharing program.

OTHER PROVISIONS FOR SERVICES

- a. **Background Check/Criminal History**
In accordance with Chapters 110-700 WAC, and 43.20A RCW, the Contractor is required to conduct background check/criminal history clearance for all employees, subcontractors and/or volunteers who may or will have regular access to any client/juvenile, prior to any access under this Agreement.

In addition, Contractor may be required to conduct background check/criminal history clearance for employees, subcontractors and/or volunteers who may or will have limited access to any client/juvenile, prior to any access under this Agreement.

The Contractor shall, based on the results from the criminal background check, determine whether each employee, volunteer, and subcontractor is suitable for access to clients/juveniles.

Contractor shall affirmatively acknowledge that it has met these requirements and submit that acknowledgement to AOC. Contractor shall also document the background check/criminal history clearance process it employs.

b. Sexual Misconduct

Contractor shall ensure that all employees, subcontractors and/or volunteers are knowledgeable about the requirements of RCW 13.40.570 and of the crimes set forth in Chapter 9A.44 RCW, "Sexual Offenses."

RECORDS MAINTENANCE

The parties to this Agreement shall each maintain books, records, documents and other evidence which sufficiently and properly reflect all direct and indirect costs expended by either party in the performance of the service(s) described herein. These records shall be subject to inspection, review or audit by personnel of both parties, other personnel duly authorized by either party, the Office of the State Auditor, and federal officials so authorized by law. All books, records, documents, and other material relevant to this Agreement will be retained for six years after expiration of this Agreement and the Office of the State Auditor, federal auditors, and any persons duly authorized by the parties shall have full access and the right to examine any of these materials during this period.

Records and other documents, in any medium, furnished by one party to this Agreement to the other party, will remain the property of the furnishing party, unless otherwise agreed. The receiving party will not disclose or make available this material to any third parties without first giving notice to the furnishing party and giving it a reasonable opportunity to respond. Each party will utilize reasonable security procedures and protections to assure that records and documents provided by the other party are not erroneously disclosed to third parties.

RIGHTS IN DATA

Unless otherwise provided, data which originates from this Agreement shall be "works for hire" as defined by the U.S. Copyright Act of 1976 and shall be owned by AOC. Data shall include, but not be limited to, reports, documents, pamphlets, advertisements, books, magazines, surveys, studies, computer programs, films, tapes, video and/or sound reproductions. Ownership includes the right to copyright, patent, register, and the ability to transfer these rights.

INDEPENDENT CAPACITY

The employees or agents of each party who are engaged in the performance of this Agreement shall continue to be employees or agents of that party and shall not be considered for any purpose to be employees or agents of the other party.

AGREEMENT ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS

This Agreement may be amended by mutual agreement of the parties. Such amendments shall not be binding unless they are in writing and signed by personnel authorized to bind each of the parties. This clause does not apply to the provisions of the REVENUE SHARING section in this Agreement.

TERMINATION

a. Termination for Convenience

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, either party may terminate this Agreement by providing written notice of such termination to the other specifying the effective date thereof, at least five (5) calendar days prior to such date. If this contract is so terminated, the AOC shall be liable only for payment for work completed and accepted prior to the effective date of termination.

b. Termination for Cause

If either party does not fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this Agreement, or if either party violates any of these terms and conditions, the aggrieved party will give the other party written notice of such failure or violation. The responsible party will be given the opportunity to correct the violation or failure within 15 working days. If failure or violation is not corrected, this Agreement may be terminated immediately by written notice of the aggrieved party to the other party.

DISPUTES

In the event that a dispute arises under this Agreement, it shall be determined by a Dispute Board in the following manner: Each party to this Agreement shall appoint one member to the Dispute Board. The members so appointed shall jointly appoint an additional member to the Dispute Board. The Dispute Board shall review the facts, agreement terms and applicable statutes and rules and make a determination of the dispute. The determination of the Dispute Board shall be final and binding on the parties hereto.

GOVERNANCE

This Agreement is entered into pursuant to and under the authority granted by the laws of the state of Washington and any applicable federal laws. The provisions of this Agreement shall be construed to conform to those laws.

In the event of an inconsistency in the terms of this Agreement, or between its terms and any applicable statute or rule, the inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order:

- a. Applicable state and federal statutes and rules;
- b. Statement of work; and
- c. Any other provisions of the Agreement including materials incorporated by attachment or reference.

ASSIGNMENT

The work to be provided under this Agreement, and any claim arising thereunder, is not assignable or delegable by either party in whole or in part, without the express prior written consent of the other party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

SAVINGS

In the event funding from state, federal, or other sources is withdrawn, reduced, or limited in any way after the effective date of this Agreement and prior to normal completion, the AOC may terminate the Agreement under the "Termination for Convenience" clause, without the five day notice requirement, subject to renegotiation under those new funding limitations and conditions. AOC, at its discretion, may also elect to amend the Agreement to reflect a budget reduction without terminating the contract as long as AOC gives notice of the budget reduction to the other party and the other party agrees to the amendment. The other party understands that refusing to agree to a budget reduction amendment will necessitate termination of this agreement.

EXHIBIT A

BECCA COST GUIDELINES

A. PURPOSE and SCOPE

This document establishes the allowable cost guidelines for Becca reimbursements. It also sets forth the required documentation needed to support a reimbursement request. This supporting documentation needs to be retained at the local level and should not be submitted to AOC.

B. GENERAL

Becca allowable costs are only those costs associated with “processing and case management of truancy, children in need of services, and at-risk youth referrals.” See ESSB 5092 Section 115 (2)(a) and (b) (2021).

The guidelines below take into consideration the financial needs of courts for processing and case management of Becca referrals and allows for reimbursement for expenses related to such activities. These guidelines are consistent to the legislative restrictions and guidelines placed on Becca funding.

C. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Court Project Manager

- Person designated by the court to manage the Becca contract according to its terms including report preparation, scope of work, and performance
- Submits invoices and other required documentation in an accurate and timely manner
- Keeps all supporting documentation for audit purposes for at least six years after contract expires

2. AOC Project Manager

- Acts as central contact with the court
- Approves invoices and submitted supporting documentation for Becca reimbursement
- Forwards cost and budget questions received from the courts to the AOC Comptroller
- Reviews all reports required under the Becca agreement

3. Management Services Director

- Resolves policy and procedural issues related to Becca funding

4. AOC Comptroller

- Determines Becca annual fund allocation based on monies received from the legislature; see Allocation Process section for allocation process details
- Responds to cost and budget questions
- Periodically audits Courts to ensure reimbursement requests are supported; see Audit Process section for audit procedures

5. Contract Manager

- Drafts, reviews, and approves Becca agreements
- Answers questions regarding compliance with the agreements
- Provides advice on interpretation of agreement

6. State Auditor

- Audits Courts and AOC for compliance with Becca

D. ALLOWABLE COSTS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

1. Staff/FTE (salaries and benefits)

- Judicial Officer (i.e. judges, commissioners, and pro tems) - Time records and dockets regarding Becca processing and case management must be kept locally. A judicial officer computation rate will be supplied by AOC, and will be the same for all superior court judges or pro tems hearing Becca cases. The reimbursement for the judge or pro tem can only be for half the judge's hourly salary. If the judicial officer is a commissioner, reimbursement will be for a commissioner rate supplied by AOC or the actual cost, whichever is less.
- Other court staff (e.g. clerks, court project managers, Becca counselors or case managers, office staff) payroll record/time and attendance records related to the processing and case management of a Becca referral must be kept locally. If the employee is not assigned fulltime to Becca then compensation reimbursement must be proportioned to the amount of time the employee processes Becca referrals and must be documented by time and attendance records. NOTE: This does not mean that timesheets must be completed to track the time spent on Becca. Document the process for determining the amount of time the person(s) spend on Becca duties. For example, keep track of time for at least a week and then determine the percentage to be charged.
- An Administrative Rate is allowed but an internal administrative rate must be documented and approved by the court administrator. This internal administrative rate must be documented with the formula used to

determine the rate. Documentation must be on file locally and available to AOC and State Auditor. The vendor invoices must also be on file locally.

2. Professional Services

- General - Detailed vendor invoice to include detailed description of work performed, contract number, hours, and hourly rate or time and attendance cards must be kept locally. All work must be related to the filing, processing, case management, or direct services related to Becca cases and invoice must be approved by authorizing authority (i.e. court administrator or his or her delegate) before inclusion in reimbursement request. However, these documents do not need to accompany the invoice to AOC. They should be readily available for audit purposes.
- Defense Attorney – Invoice must identify the specific Becca cases for which reimbursement is requested, hours worked, and the hourly or flat rate that was charged. These documents do not need to accompany the invoice to AOC. They should be readily available for audit purposes.
- Prosecutor - Invoice to include a breakdown of billable hours/rates working on filed Becca cases or invoice based on a per Becca petition cost to process along with rationale and explanation on how petition cost was determined. These documents do not need to accompany the invoice to AOC. They should be readily available for audit purposes.

3. Goods

- Supplies
 - Actual Costs - Supplies should be necessary for Becca case processing or management and may include consumable supplies. Vendor invoices should be kept locally for audit purposes.
 - Costs Allocated by Internal Administrative Rate - Supplies may be allocated, but an internal administrative rate must be documented and approved by the court administrator. This internal administrative rate must be documented with the formula used to determine the rate. Documentation must be on file and available to AOC and State Auditor. The vendor invoices must be on file locally.

4. Equipment

- Actual Costs - Reimbursement request does not need to include the vendor invoice if directly related to Becca; however, it must be kept locally and equipment is used solely for case processing or management. Any major purchase must be approved by AOC Project Manager prior to purchase. Major purchase is defined as purchase of an item where the cost is greater than \$500 or where the service/maintenance period on the equipment is greater than one year and could exceed \$500 in total

maintenance costs. Vehicle and other high cost items are not allowable purchases.

- The purchase of printers and laptops is allowable within the existing contract allocation as long as the equipment is only provided to perform Becca work.
- Costs Allocated by an Internal Administrative Rate – Equipment costs may be allocated, but reimbursement request must be documented by an internal administrative rate specific to the court and approved by the court administrator. The internal administrative rate documentation must be on file and available to AOC and State Auditor. The vendor invoice must also be on file.

5. Training

- Reimbursement for attending the annual Becca Conference is provided, not to exceed the published AOC travel and per diem rates.

6. Travel

- Travel/Expense Vouchers for travel to and from the annual Becca Conference and services specifically related to Becca case processing or management. Reimbursement is limited to the published AOC travel and per diem rates.
 - Supporting Documentation –All travel reimbursement requests must be kept locally for audit purposes.
 - All travel expenses must be within the travel costs permitted by the AOC at the time of travel.

7. Detention

- Verification of detention days ordered and days served. Rate for detention costs cannot be billed at a daily rate that is higher than that charged to other courts purchasing beds nor should they be higher than the “actual” daily detention costs. If billing occurs based on a daily rate, records of actual costs should be kept on file to substantiate daily rate. If a rate is used for billing, the rate calculation must be kept locally for audit purposes.

Becca Allocation Process

Each biennium, an appropriation is provided by the WA State Legislature to the AOC to offset the costs associated with the processing and case management of Becca referrals. The appropriations are provided from the State General Fund (SGF) as proviso, and are partitioned by fiscal year. In the 2021-2023 Biennium, the amounts provided were \$7 million per fiscal year.

Allocation of the funding is based on caseload data from each county for CHINS, ARY, and Truancy filings. The CHINS and ARY filing data is available through the AOC online caseload reports. Truancy data is researched and uploaded by the AOC Comptroller.

The AOC Comptroller maintains an allocation spreadsheet (model) that utilizes this caseload data to create a percentage of total statewide filings for each county, based on a moving average of three-year filings of each case type.

After updated CHINS, ARY, and Truancy data is collected, the data is loaded into the model which in turn uses a formula to create the statewide percentages by county. The percentages are applied to the appropriation amount by fiscal year, thus producing the allocation amounts that are available to counties. The formula is developed according to provisions set forth in the 2021-2023 omnibus operating budget. Specifically the operating budget states, in part:

“The administrator for the courts, in conjunction with the juvenile court administrators, shall develop an equitable funding distribution formula. The formula must neither reward counties with higher than average per-petition/referral processing costs nor shall it penalize counties with lower than average per-petition/referral processing costs.”

Audit Process

The AOC Comptroller will periodically audit court Becca reimbursement requests to ensure requests are supported.

Each year, the AOC Comptroller will randomly select several courts/counties for audit. On-site audits are not required by the State Auditor's Office (SAO), but the AOC and AOC Comptroller reserve the right to schedule on-site audits if desired or required.

The AOC Comptroller (or designee) will review payroll records, invoices, travel vouchers, and any other records of expenses related to Becca reimbursement requests. The AOC Comptroller will ensure that expenses detailed on any of these (or other) reimbursement request documents are supported by required approval and signature of appropriate county staff, and that the expenses detailed are in support of Becca in that county.

Following this review, the AOC Comptroller (or designee) will contact the court if reimbursement request(s) do not meet the criteria and file the attached report in the AOC Becca audit file. See next page for sample report.

**State of Washington
Administrative Office of the Courts**

I, [AOC Comptroller name], have reviewed the Becca reimbursement documents and supporting documentation provided by [county and county designee name] for the time period Fiscal Year [20XX], and do hereby declare that:

Documentation is in compliance with Becca cost reimbursement requirements.

Documentation is **not** in compliance with Becca cost reimbursement requirements. The following corrective action must be taken:

Summary/detail of corrective action and completion provided here.

Signed

_____ AOC Comptroller/Designee

_____ Date

BECCA MONTHLY DETAIL REPORT

Exhibit B Report

Administrative Office of the Courts
(submit monthly with A-19 invoice)

COURT: _____

MONTH/YEAR: _____

STAFF/FTE

- Judicial officer salary & benefits
- Other court staff salary & benefits

Total \$ _____ -

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- General vendor services
- Defense attorney
- Other (specify)

Total \$ _____ -

GOODS

- Supplies
- Communication (Telephone/Postage)
- Other (Computer/Licenses)

Total \$ _____ -

EQUIPMENT

- Computer Set-Up
- Other (specify)

Total \$ _____ -

TRAINING

- Becca-specific

Total \$ _____ -

TRAVEL

- Mileage
- Per Diem

Total \$ _____ -

DETENTION

- Daily rate detention costs or actual costs

Total \$ _____ -

GRAND TOTAL

\$ _____ -

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Superior-Juvenile/County Clerk
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David Reynolds
Director


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**WHATCOM COUNTY
EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE**

July 5, 2022

TO: Satpal Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive

FROM: David Reynolds  Director of Superior Court Administration

RE: BECCA Contract for SFY 2023

Please find attached the interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

Background and Purpose

Whatcom County Superior Court Juvenile Division has long been involved in processing BECCA cases (Truancy, At Risk Youth, Child In Need of Services). AOC provides reimbursement for our efforts in these cases.

Funding and Source

Whatcom County will be reimbursed up to \$ 253,918 during this contract period.

Difference From Last Contract

This is the same as the previous amount of this agreement is per year. All other terms and conditions of the contract remain in full force and effect.