

INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT IAA23181
BETWEEN
WASHINGTON STATE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS
AND
Whatcom County District Court

THIS AGREEMENT (Agreement) is entered into by and between the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) and Whatcom County District Court for the purpose of distributing funds for court interpreter and language access service expenses to the Whatcom County District Court .

1. DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this contract, the following definitions shall apply:

- a) "Certified Interpreter" means an interpreter who is certified by the Administrative Office of the Courts, as defined in RCW 2.43.020 (4) or an interpreter certified by the Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH) pursuant to WAC 388-818-500, *et. seq.* The names and contact information of AOC-certified interpreters are found, and incorporated herein by reference, at http://www.courts.wa.gov/programs_orgs/pos_interpret/ The names and contact information of ODHH-certified interpreters are found, and incorporated herein by reference, at: <https://fortress.wa.gov/dshs/odhhapps/Interpreters/CourtInterpreter.aspx>
- b) "Registered Interpreter" means an interpreter who is registered by the Administrative Office of the Courts, as defined in RCW 2.43.020 (6). The names and contact information of registered interpreters are found, and incorporated herein by reference, at http://www.courts.wa.gov/programs_orgs/pos_interpret/.
- c) "Qualified Interpreter" means a spoken language interpreter as defined in RCW 2.43.020 (2), or sign language interpreter as defined in RCW 2.42.110 (2).
- d) "Qualifying Event" means a proceeding or event for which an interpreter is appointed by an appointing officer pursuant to RCW 2.42 and/or RCW 2.43.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to partner with individual local courts in improving access to the Court for Limited English Proficient (LEP), deaf, and hard of hearing persons in accordance with RCW Chapters 2.42 and 2.43.

- a) These funds are intended to address each court's following needs:
 - Financial Need – i.e., the gap between the court's available financial resources and the costs to meet its need for certified, registered, and qualified interpreters, and the implementation of the Court's language access plan; and
 - Need for Court Interpreters – i.e., the public's right to access the court, and the court's responsibility to provide court certified, registered, and qualified interpreters as required by RCW Chapters 2.42 and 2.43.
 - Need for Language Access in General – i.e., translations for websites, translated forms, interpreting equipment, technology enabling remote interpreting, and other

things that are necessary for courts to provide fair and equitable access for people who are LEP, deaf, and hard of hearing.

3. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED

- a) The Court will ensure that the interpreter funding is used only for language access purposes and for reimbursement of costs paid to certified, registered, and qualified interpreters for Qualifying Events pursuant to **Exhibit A**, which is incorporated herein by reference.
- b) The Court agrees to track and provide interpreter cost and usage data using a form provided by the AOC Interpreter Reimbursement Program, reflecting information about the Court's interpreter and language access costs and services.
- c) The Court agrees to provide the AOC Project Manager with a list of all users who require access to submit data to the Language Access and Interpreter Reimbursement Program web application.
- d) The Court agrees to work with the AOC Interpreter Program, the Interpreter Commission, and neighboring courts to identify and implement best and promising practices for providing language access and interpreter services.
- e) The Court agrees to encourage its staff overseeing interpreter services at the court to attend trainings (in person and/or online) provided by the AOC Interpreter Commission and Interpreter Program.
- f) The Court may elect to pay for interpreter services that are not in accordance with the provisions of **Exhibit A** as set forth; however, such payments will not be reimbursed.
- g) The Court is required to have a Language Assistance Plan (LAP) to be a part of the reimbursement program.
 - 1) Courts that submitted their LAP for review in FY22 are not required to resubmit their LAP for FY23. Courts certify that they will exercise reasonable due diligence in maintaining and updating their LAP as required by law.
 - 2) Courts that did not submit their LAP for review in FY22 must submit it in accordance with content guidelines provided in Exhibit B, Annotated Language Access Plan Template with Criteria for Approval. Courts certify that they will exercise reasonable due diligence in maintaining and updating their LAP as required by law.

4. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

The beginning date of performance under this Agreement is **July 1, 2022**, regardless of the date of execution and which shall end on **June 30, 2023**.

5. COMPENSATION

- a) The Court shall be reimbursed a maximum of \$61,597.00 for interpreter and language access services costs incurred during the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. No reimbursement shall be made under this Agreement for interpreting services provided after June 30, 2023.
- b) The Court shall receive payment for its costs for interpreter and language access services as set forth in **Exhibit A**, and incorporated herein.

- c) The Court shall not be reimbursed for interpreter services costs for Qualifying Events or other goods and services set forth in **Exhibit A** until properly-completed A-19 invoices, and corresponding data (*See subsection 3b*), are received and approved by AOC, pursuant to the following schedule:
 - 1) Reflecting Qualifying and non-qualifying Events, and any goods or services purchased, occurring between July 1, 2022 and September 30, 2022, must be received by the AOC no later than December 31, 2022.
 - 2) Reflecting Qualifying and non-qualifying Events, and any goods or services, purchased occurring between October 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022, must be received by the AOC no later than January 31, 2023.
 - 3) Reflecting Qualifying and non-qualifying Events, and any goods or services, occurring between January 1, 2023 and March 31, 2023, must be received by the AOC no later than April 30, 2023.
 - 4) Reflecting Qualifying and non-qualifying Events, and any goods or services, occurring between April 1, 2023 and June 30, 2023, must be received by the AOC no later than July 15, 2023.
- d) If this agreement is terminated, the Court 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) The Court shall submit its A-19 invoices quarterly through the web application. The Data shall be submitted electronically to the AOC as described in Section 3b, above, and in conjunction with the quarterly invoice.
- f) Payment to the Court for approved and completed work will be made by warrant or account transfer by AOC within 30 days of receipt of a properly-completed invoice and the completed data report.
- g) The Court shall maintain sufficient backup documentation of expenses under this Agreement.
- h) The AOC, in its sole discretion and upon notice, may initiate revenue sharing and reallocate funding among courts. If it appears the Court may not expend the maximum Agreement amount, the AOC may reduce the maximum Agreement amount. AOC may increase the maximum Agreement amount if additional funds become available through these revenue sharing provisions.

6. TREATMENT OF ASSETS AND PROPERTY

The AOC shall be the owner of any and all fixed assets or personal property jointly or cooperatively, acquired, held, used, or disposed of pursuant to this Agreement.

7. 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 the AOC. Data shall include, but not be limited to, reports, documents, pamphlets, advertisements, books, magazines, surveys, studies, computer programs, films, tapes, and video and/or sound reproductions. Ownership includes the right to copyright, patent, register, and the ability to transfer these rights. In the event that any of the deliverables under this Agreement

include material not included within the definition of "works for hire," the Court hereby assigns such rights to the AOC as consideration for this Agreement.

Data which is delivered under this Agreement, but which does not originate therefrom, shall be transferred to the AOC with a nonexclusive, royalty-free, irrevocable license to publish, translate, reproduce, deliver, perform, dispose of, and to authorize others to do so; provided, that such license shall be limited to the extent which the Court has a right to grant such a license. The Court shall advise the AOC, at the time of delivery of data furnished under this Agreement, of all known or potential invasions of privacy contained therein and of any portion of such document which was not produced in the performance of this Agreement. The AOC shall receive prompt written notice of each notice or claim of copyright infringement received by the Court with respect to any data delivered under this Agreement. The AOC shall have the right to modify or remove any restrictive markings placed upon the data by the Court.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. RECORDS, DOCUMENTS, AND REPORTS

The Court shall maintain books, records, documents and other evidence of accounting procedures and practices which sufficiently and properly reflect all direct and indirect costs of any nature expended in the performance of this Agreement. These records shall be subject at all reasonable times to inspection, review, or audit by personnel duly authorized by the AOC, the Office of the State Auditor, and federal officials so authorized by law, rule, regulation, or Agreement. The Court will retain all books, records, documents, and other material relevant to this Agreement for six years after settlement, and make them available for inspection by persons authorized under this provision.

11. RIGHT OF INSPECTION

The Court shall provide right of access to its facilities to the AOC, or any of its officers, or to any other authorized agent or official of the state of Washington or the federal government at all reasonable times, in order to monitor and evaluate performance, compliance, and/or quality assurance under this Agreement.

12. DISPUTES

Disputes arising under this Agreement shall be resolved by a panel consisting of one representative from the AOC, one representative from the Court, and a mutually agreed upon third party. The dispute panel shall thereafter decide the dispute with the majority prevailing. Neither party shall have recourse to the courts unless there is a showing of

noncompliance or waiver of this section.

13. TERMINATION

Either party may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party. If this Agreement is so terminated, the parties shall be liable only for performance rendered or costs incurred in accordance with the terms of this Agreement prior to the effective date of termination.

14. 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. This Agreement; and
- c. Any other provisions of the agreement, including materials incorporated by reference.

15. ASSIGNMENT

The work to be provided under this Agreement, and any claim arising hereunder, 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.

16. WAIVER

A failure by either party to exercise its rights under this Agreement shall not preclude that party from subsequent exercise of such rights and shall not constitute a waiver of any other rights under this Agreement unless stated to be such in a writing signed by an authorized representative of the party and attached to the original Agreement.

17. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Agreement, or any provision of any document incorporated by reference shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this Agreement which can be given effect without the invalid provision and to this end the provisions of this Agreement are declared to be severable.

18. AGREEMENT MANAGEMENT

The program managers noted below shall be responsible for and shall be the contact person for all communications and billings regarding the performance of this Agreement:

AOC Program Manager	Court Program Manager
<p>Tae Yoon PO Box 41170 Olympia, WA 98504-1170 Interpreterreimbursement@courts.wa.gov 360-704-5590</p>	<p>Satpal Sidhu Administrator 311 Grand Avenue, Suite 401 Bellingham, WA 98225 ssidhu@co.whatcom.wa.us (360) 778-5400</p>

19. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement contains all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties. No other understandings, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement shall be considered to exist or to bind any of the parties to this agreement unless otherwise stated in this Agreement.

AGREED:

Administrative Office of the Courts

Whatcom County District Court

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Dawn Marie Rubio
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Satpal Sidhu
 Name _____

Administrator, AOC
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County Executive
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