



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center – Youth Conflict Resolution Workshops
Contract Amendment #1

DATE: AUGUST 11, 2023

Attached is a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

This contract provides partial funding for the Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center (WDRC) to provide conflict resolution workshops for youth. Conflict resolution skills can help decrease destructive responses which contribute to problematic behaviors and school violence. This program provides Whatcom County youth with the skills necessary to navigate conflict in healthy, constructive ways through direct service with youth and by offering support to schools and other agencies to assist in the implementation of systems that support and encourage those skills. This amendment extends the contract for an additional year.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$35,000 during this contract period (09/01/2023 – 08/31/2024), is provided by the behavioral health program fund. These funds are included in the 2023 budget. Council authorization is required as cumulative funding for the total contract period (09/01/2022 – 08/31/2024) exceeds \$40,000.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contracts**

Section	Amendment Purpose
General Terms – Section 10.2 Extension	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extends contract through 08/31/2024• Adds language authorizing the extension of the consideration and other terms and conditions

Please contact Ann Beck, Community Health and Human Services Manager at 360-778-6055 (ABeck@co.whatcom.wa.us) or Kathleen Roy, Financial & Administrative Manager at 360-778-6007 (KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us), if you have any questions.

Encl.