



# Memorandum

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

**FROM:** Charlene Ramont, Assistant Director

**RE:** Washington State Health Care Authority – Criminal Justice Treatment Account (CJTA) Interlocal Agreement

**DATE:** NOVEMBER 5, 2025

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Attached is an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Health Care Authority for your review and signature.

## ■ Background and Purpose

In accordance with RCW 71.24.580, this agreement provides funding intended to support local programs that address substance use disorders (SUD) and improve treatment outcomes for individuals involved in the criminal legal system. The County's CJTA Panel has approved distribution of this funding for the following purposes:

- County Contract Administration
- Jail Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD)
- Jail and Out-of-Custody SUD Assessments and Care Coordination
- Residential Treatment
- Recovery Court Case Management
- Rental Assistance

## ■ Funding Amount and Source

Total funding for this agreement is \$651,108. These funds are included in the 2025-2026 budgets. Council authorization is required per WCC 3.06.010, as funding for this agreement exceeds \$40,000.

## ■ Differences from Previous Contracts

This is a new agreement; however, funding for these purposes has been provided through previous agreements since 2018. This agreement revises Section 8. Billing and Payment to indicate that disbursements for the final quarter of the contract term will be reduced in accordance with actual spending. There are no additional significant updates from the agreement that ended on 06/30/2025 (WC Contract #202309019).

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