

WHATCOM COUNTY
CONTRACT INFORMATION SHEET

Whatcom County Contract Number:
202308009 – 3

Originating Department:		85 Health and Community Services	
Division/Program: (i.e. Dept. Division and Program)		Response Systems Division / LEAD	
Contract or Grant Administrator:		Vanessa Martin	
Contractor's / Agency Name:		North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization, LLC	
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 #:	202308009	
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?	If yes, grantor agency contract number(s):	North Sound BH-ASO-Whatcom County-RNP-23	ALN#:
Yes ☒ No ☐			
Is this contract grant funded?	If yes, Whatcom County grant contract number(s):		
Yes ☐ No ☐			
Is this contract the result of an RFP or Bid process?		Contract Cost Center:	18538517
Yes ☐ No ☐	If yes, RFP and Bid number(s):		
Is this agreement excluded from E-Verify?	No ☒ Yes ☐		
If YES, indicate exclusion(s) below:			
☐ Professional services agreement for certified/licensed professional.		☐ Goods and services provided due to an emergency.	
☐ Contract work is for less than \$100,000.		☐ Contract for Commercial off the shelf items (COTS).	
☐ Contract work is for less than 120 days.		☐ Work related subcontract less than \$25,000.	
☐ Interlocal Agreement (between Governments).		☐ Public Works - Local Agency/Federally Funded FHWA.	
Contract Amount:(sum of original contract amount and any prior amendments):		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:	
\$	1,382,910	1. Exercising an option contained in a contract previously approved by the council.	
This Amendment Amount:		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.	
\$	256,227.50	3. Bid or award is for supplies.	
Total Amended Amount:		4. Equipment is included in Exhibit "B" of the Budget Ordinance	
\$	1,639,137.50	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: This amendment updates insurance language and increases funding.			
Term of Contract:	1 year + automatic renewals	Expiration Date:	Until Terminated or superseded
Contract Routing:	1. Prepared by:	JT	Date: 07/03/2025
	2. Attorney signoff:	Kimberly A. Thulin	Date: 07/16/2025
	3. AS Finance reviewed:	Bbennett	Date: 07/31/2025
	4. IT reviewed (if IT related):		Date:
	5. Contractor signed:		Date:
	6. Executive Contract Review:	JL	Date: 9/12/2025
	7. Council approved (if necessary):	AB2025-580	Date: 09/09/2025
	8. Executive signed:		Date: 9/15/2025
	9. Original to Council:		Date:



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Charlene Ramont, Interim Director

RE: North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization, LLC (NS BH-ASO) – Recovery Navigator Program Contract Amendment #3

DATE: **SEPTEMBER 10, 2025**

Attached is a contract amendment between Whatcom County and NS BH-ASO for your review and signature. This amendment updates insurance language and adds funding for the 07/01/2025-12/31/2025 contract period.

■ Background and Purpose

This contract provides funding for Whatcom County Health and Community Services Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion/Let Everyone Advance with Dignity (LEAD) Program to meet the legislative requirements of ESB5476§13. The legislature approved the Recovery Navigator Program (RNP) Uniform Standards, which states, “RNP will, whenever possible, build on and enhance those existing LEAD-aligned approaches, complementing them where necessary to achieve greater alignment with LEAD core principles, before/rather than establishing stand alone RNP Programs. The existing LEAD-aligned investments might include LEAD programs, crisis response programs, resource hubs, homelessness response, and other locally coordinated efforts that intentionally attempt to achieve the goals of recovery navigator standards”.

The intent of the RNP is to provide social services to individuals who intersect with policy because of simple drug possession (ESB 5476§13) and/or people who have frequent criminal legal system contact because of unmet behavioral health care needs. The RNP established a new system of response and care for people who are not served by office-based, appointment-based, time-delimited care. Coordination and communication between law enforcement, prosecutors, program staff, medical providers, and community partners is essential to the success of these programs.

■ Funding Amount and Source

This is a revenue-based contract funded by the NS BH-ASO in an amount not exceed \$256,227.50 for the period of 07/01/2025 – 12/31/2025. Local funds are not included in this contract. These funds are included in the 2025 budget. Council authorization is required as the additional funding provided by this amendment exceeds \$40,000 per WCC 3.06.010.

■ Differences from Previous Contracts

Section	Differences
Exhibit B – Budget and Section 7.17 Insurance	Updates insurance language and increases funding for the 07/01/2025-12/31/2025 contract period.

Please contact Vanessa Martin (VMartin@co.whatcom.wa.us) if you have any questions.



**NORTH SOUND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ORGANIZATION, LLC
(NORTH SOUND BH-ASO)
CONTRACT AMENDMENT 3**

CONTRACT #NORTH SOUND BH-ASO-WHATCOM COUNTY-RNP-23

Based on the Agreement of the parties to the above-referenced Contract between the North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization, LLC (North Sound BH-ASO) and Whatcom County (Provider) dated August 11, 2023, (as amended by North Sound BH-ASO and Provider dated September 16, 2024, collectively the "Contract") is hereby amended as follows:

The purpose of this amendment is to provide funding for July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025:

By mutual agreement of the parties, the following language is added to the agreement:

- **Replace 7.17 Insurance**, which reads "North Sound BH-ASO certifies it is a member of Washington Governmental Risk Pool for all exposure to tort liability, general liability, property damage liability and vehicle liability, if applicable, as provided by RCW 43.19. By the date of execution of this Contract and post 15 days renewal of said contract, the Provider shall procure and maintain insurance for the duration of this Contract, Provider shall carry Commercial General Liability (CGL) Insurance to include coverage for bodily injury, property damage, and contractual liability, with the following minimum limits: Each Occurrence - \$1,000,000; General Aggregate - \$3,000,000; shall include liability arising out of premises, operations, independent contractors, personal injury, advertising injury, and liability assumed under an insured contract. The costs of such insurance shall be paid by the Provider or subcontractor. The Provider may furnish separate certificates of insurance and policy endorsements for each subcontractor as evidence of compliance with the insurance requirements of this Contract. The Provider is responsible for ensuring compliance with all of the insurance requirements stated herein. Failure by the Provider, its agents, employees, officers, subcontractors, providers, and/or provider subcontractors to comply with the insurance requirements stated herein shall constitute a material breach of this Contract. All non-risk pool policies shall name North Sound BH-ASO as a covered entity under said policy(s)." **with the following:**

North Sound BH-ASO certifies it is a member of Washington Governmental Risk Pool for all exposure to tort liability, general liability, property damage liability and vehicle liability, if applicable, as provided by RCW 43.19. By the date of execution of this Contract and post 15 days renewal of said contract, the Provider shall procure and maintain insurance for the duration of this Contract, Provider shall carry Commercial General Liability (CGL) Insurance to include coverage for bodily injury, property damage, and contractual liability, with the following minimum limits: Each Occurrence - **\$2,000,000**; General Aggregate - **\$4,000,000**; shall include liability

arising out of premises, operations, independent contractors, personal injury, advertising injury, and liability assumed under an insured contract. The costs of such insurance shall be paid by the Provider or subcontractor. The Provider may furnish separate certificates of insurance and policy endorsements for each subcontractor as evidence of compliance with the insurance requirements of this Contract. The Provider is responsible for ensuring compliance with all of the insurance requirements stated herein. Failure by the Provider, its agents, employees, officers, subcontractors, providers, and/or provider subcontractors to comply with the insurance requirements stated herein shall constitute a material breach of this Contract. All non-risk pool policies shall name North Sound BH-ASO as a covered entity under said policy(s)."

- **Replace** *Exhibit B(b) - Whatcom County_RNP_Budget* with *Exhibit B(c) - Whatcom County_RNP_Budget*

ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

THIS AMENDMENT IS EXECUTED BY THE PERSONS SIGNING BELOW, WHO WARRANT THAT THEY HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE THIS AMENDMENT.

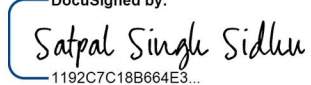
THIS AMENDMENT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE OF FINAL SIGNATURE BY THE PARTIES.

NORTH SOUND BH-ASO, LLC

WHATCOM COUNTY

 7/2/25

JanRose Ottaway Martin Date
Executive Director

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 9/15/2025
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Satpal Sidhu Date
County Executive

PROGRAM APPROVAL:	Signed by: <i>Malora Christensen</i> 00E05E4A7809409...	9/10/2025
	Malora Christensen, Response Systems Manager	Date
DEPARTMENT HEAD APPROVAL:	Signed by: <i>Charlene Ramont</i> C1DD9BF6CCAC4DC...	9/12/2025
	Charlene Ramont, Interim Director Whatcom County Health and Community Services	Date
APPROVAL AS TO FORM:	Signed by: <i>Kimberly Thulin</i> 521AC93A1AE340D...	9/10/2025
	Kimberly A. Thulin, Senior Civil Deputy Prosecutor	Date

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION:

North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization
2021 E College Way, Suite 101
Mt Vernon, WA 98273
800-684-3555

North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization Blake Recovery Navigator Cost Reimbursement Budget Whatcom County Human Services		
Six Month Budget July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025		
Revenues		
Blake Navigator Program	\$	256,227.50
Total	\$	256,227.50
Expenses		
Blake Navigator Program Expense	\$	256,227.50
Total	\$	256,227.50
Budget Amount	\$	256,227.50
Expenses		-
Balance	\$	256,227.50