

**WHATCOM COUNTY
DISTRICT COURT**
Whatcom County Courthouse
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ANGELA ANDERSON
Judge

JONATHAN RANDS
Judge

ANTHONY PARISE
Commissioner

JAKE WIEBUSCH
Administrator

MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Jake Wiebusch
RE: **Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham regarding Domestic Violence Perpetrator Opportunity for Treatment Services (DVPOTS)**
DATE: November 19, 2025

▪ **Background and Purpose**

This agreement addresses the administrative oversight of the City DVPOTS funds. The County and City have worked collaboratively on this Interlocal Agreement. In addition, the County and the City worked collaboratively on the DVPOTS Implementation Guide which establishes an objective screening process for determining defendant eligibility for funds, treatment agency eligibility for reimbursement for services, specific criteria for reimbursement for services, reimbursement rates, assessment and treatment progress report standards, and distribution of funds.

The purpose of DVPOTS is to use allocated funds to pay for domestic violence perpetrator assessments and treatment for qualifying indigent defendants, who have no readily available source of funding to access services independently.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

The City funding amount is \$50,000 each year, and the source, on a reimbursement basis, is the City of Bellingham.

▪ **Implementation of this Interlocal Agreement**

This new Interlocal Agreement allows for the continuation of this service between the County and the City.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contract**

The previous Interlocal Agreement was for one year at \$50,000. This proposed Agreement returns to a three-year term, \$50,000 per year for a total of \$150,000 over the three year term.

Two copies of the agreement, for signature, are attached. Please let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached at extension 5462.