

Supplemental Budget Request

Status: Pending

Non-Departmental

Suppl ID # 3019 Fund 345 Cost Center 345100 Originator: T. Helms/T.Schroeder

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Priority 1

Name of Request: Health, Safety & Justice Facility Needs Assessment

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Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission)

Date

1-17-2020

Costs:	Object	Object Description	Amount Requested
	6630	Professional Services	\$550,000
	Request Total		\$550,000

1a. Description of request:

Resolution 2019-036 unanimously approved by Council adopted a statement of public health, safety, and justice facility planning principals for Whatcom County while Resolution 2019-063 established the Stakeholder Advisory Committee for the Public Health, Safety and Justice Facility Needs Assessment. In October, 2019 Whatcom County published Request for Proposal #19-76 for professional services for a Whatcom County Public Health, Safety and Justice Facilities Needs Assessment. After a thorough interview process, Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum, Inc. (HOK) was selected to prepare the needs assessment. HOK will complete the needs assessment that incorporates a robust and public engagement component throughout a phased approach that includes:

PHASE ONE – BEHAVIORAL VISION SETTING AND PROJECT PLANNING DESIGN

Summary of tasks:

- Background Info/Review prior Studies
- Project Kickoff Meeting
- Jail Options and Space
- Capital and Operating Costs
- Program Survey & Best Practices Review
- Justice & Correctional System Trends
- Jail & Behavioral Capacity Projections
- Evidence-Based Behavioral Health Practices
- Space Requirements
- Justice System Impacts
- Final Needs Assessment Report

PHASE III - ALTERNATIVES AND DESIGNS

Summary Tasks:

- Functional & Design Requirements Workshops
- Financing Strategies
- Site Considerations

The needs assessment and recommendations accomplished through Phase I and Phase II will provide the direction, scale and scope of Phase III which will be the development of the conceptual design.

PHASE III - DEVELOP CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

- Develop & Evaluate Options (w/workshops)
- Operational Budget

1b. Primary customers:

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Whatcom County residents and the general public that intersect with the Public Health, Safety and Justice services in Whatcom County.

2. Problem to be solved:

Whatcom County recognizes the critical need for a new jail facility to provide a safer, more secure, and healthier environment for those who work, visit, and are incarcerated within the public safety/justice facility. Additionally, the County seeks to better understand the behavioral health needs within the jail and throughout the broader community. Understanding the near and long term physical and programmatic needs of the County's justice facility will assist policy makers in decisions regarding future funding for programs and facilities. The needs assessment will analyze existing behavioral health programs and identify gaps in funding and programs offered. The final report will document a robust community engagement effort and quality feedback from the public that informs the needs assessment and recommendations.

3a. Options / Advantages:

3b. Cost savings:

4a. Outcomes:

Phase I - Behavioral Health and Public Safety Needs Assessment

Phase II - Alternatives and Designs

Public Engagement

Accomplishing the components above will assist Whatcom County to complete the following:

Identify universal system needs

Determine the viability of current facilities and possible location(s) of new one

Explore treatment and diversion for the mentally ill and substance abusers

Prepare an economic model and long term cost analysis

Develop a communications plan for the citizens of Whatcom County

The successful completion of Phase I & II will determine the scale and scope of Phase III.

4b. Measures:

The developing contract has identified deliverables for each phase of the scope. The Firm will be compensated for the successful completion of each deliverable.

5a. Other Departments/Agencies:

Yes.

5b. Name the person in charge of implementation and what they are responsible for:

Sheriff's Office

Council

Facilities Management

Executive

Health

6. Funding Source:

New Jail Project Fund fund balance