



Snohomish County Council

Committee: LJHS
ECAF: 22-0689, 0690, 0691
Proposal: Mot. 22-303, 304 and 305

Analyst: Heidi Beazizo
Date: July 27, 2022

Consideration

The Executive’s Office requests Council consider approving proposed Motions 22-303, 22-304, 22-305 which would approve and authorize the execution of three (3) agreements for guardianship related indigent legal services.

Background

On April 6, 2019, the Washington Legislature passed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5604 (2SSB 5604), the Uniform Guardianship, Conservatorship and Other Protective Arrangements Act with an effective date of January 1, 2021. The updated Revised Code of Washington ([RCW 11.130.200\(5\)\(c\)](#)) requires the court to appoint an attorney to represent an indigent parent of minor who is the subject of a proceeding that includes a petition for appointment of a guardian for the minor. ([RCW 11.130.190](#)).

Based on projections provided by the Superior Court of the impact of this Act, the Executive’s Recommended Budget included a request to fund Priority Package 199, allocating \$716,205 in funds to the Superior Court for compliance with 2SSB 5604).

In August of 2021, the County entered into an agreement with the Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) for reimbursement of \$716,205 in costs for 2SSB 5604.

The Office of Public Defense coordinates the delivery of indigent defense services in guardianship related cases.

Current Proposal

Scope: Approval of these three (3) motions would approve the execution of agreements between the County and individuals to provide representation to indigent defendants in guardianship related cases where there is a conflict of interest between the defendant and SCPDA; each motion also authorizes the County Executive to sign any amendments. Scope of Services is outlined in Schedule A. Compensation details are outlined in Schedule B.

Motion	Contractor
22-303	Amanda Ullrich
22-304	Hortensia Castillo
22-305	Roger Atreya

Duration: January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. Extension period of two (2) additional one (1) year terms. Termination is allowed with thirty (30) days’ written notice.

Fiscal Implications: Unknown. Agreements are for an hourly rate of \$125.00 per hour based on assigned cases with an initial maximum of twenty-five (25) hours per case. Section 3 indicates the County’s obligations after December 31, 2022 are contingent upon appropriation of necessary funds.

2022 Budget: YES. Reimbursement of expenses by AOC of up to \$716,205; DAC 002.5367404107. Initial costs are not anticipated to exceed \$50,000 per agreement for the first year.

Future Budget Impacts: YES.

Handling: NORMAL.

Approved-as-to-form: YES.

Risk Management: YES.

Executive Recommendation: YES

Attachments: N/A

Amendments: N/A

Request: Move each motion to GLS on August 10, 2022 for Council to consider taking action.