



## Snohomish County Council

**Committee:** Health and Community Services  
**ECAF:** 2023-0391  
**Ordinance:** 23-038

**Analyst:** Nicole Gorle  
**Date:** April 19, 2023

### **Consideration:**

Approve an agreement with the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services for Refugee Health Screening Program.

### **Background:**

The Washington State Department of Social and Health Services has a refugee health screening program where they partner with local health jurisdictions and providers to provide a comprehensive health screening exam to all new refugees within each jurisdiction. The purpose of these exams is to follow up on conditions identified in overseas medical examinations, identify/treat individuals with communicable diseases, and identify conditions that may impact a persons ability to become self-sufficient.<sup>1</sup>

The Snohomish Health District has held a contract with the state for Refugee Health Screening in years past, and the proposal before you would continue these services.

### **Current Proposal:**

*Scope:* Under the contract, the County Health Department will provide refugees resettling within Snohomish County health screenings, interpreter services, coordination with volunteering agencies, follow-ups and referrals as necessary. The County will be responsible for submitting completed refugee screening forms for each refugee to DSHS and a monthly client billing datasheet to DSHS ORIA.

*Duration:* January 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023

*Fiscal Impact:* County will receive up to \$257,000.00 for their work under this contract.

**2023 Budget:** Yes

**Future Budget Impact:** No

**Handling:** Normal

**Approved-as-to-form:** n/a State Contract

**Risk Management:** Yes

**Executive Recommendation:** Approve

**Attachment:** None

**Amendments:** None

**Request:** Move to Administrative Matters on GLS May 3<sup>rd</sup> to set time and date for a public hearing on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/csd-office-refugee-and-immigration-assistance/refugee-health-screening>