



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Finance
ECAF: 2021-0640
Proposal: Mot. 21-285

Analyst: Jim Martin
Date: August 20, 2021

Consideration:

Approving and ratifying the agreement between Snohomish County and the State of Washington, Office of Public Defense for the purpose of providing indigent defense representation pursuant to State v. Blake.

Background

The Washington State Office of Public Defense has awarded Snohomish County \$97,047 for Fiscal Year 2021 for representation of eligible persons impacted by the Washington State Supreme Court State v. Blake decision, in which convictions for simple drug possession was unconstitutional. On June 23rd, the Snohomish County Office of Public Defense signed an agreement for receipt of the funds awarded. Ratification of that agreement is now sought by Council, which is vested with the authority to approve the agreement.

Current Proposal

This motion ratifies the agreement between the State Office of Public Defense and Snohomish County entered into on June 23, 2021, and authorizes the County Executive to sign the agreement and execute the conditions thereof.

Duration: Through December 31, 2021

Fiscal Implications: Revenue of \$97,047.00

2021 Budget: No. This motion is intended as a companion to Ordinance 21-049, which allocates the revenue and expenditure of these funds.

Future Budget Impacts: None.

Handling: Expedite

Approved-as-to-form: N/A.

Risk Management: N/A.

Executive Recommendation: APPROVE.

Attachments: See ECAF packet.

Amendments: NONE.

Request: Move to Public Hearing calendar on September 22nd for consideration with Ordinance 21-049.