



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Health and Community Services
ECAF: 2023-0711
Motion: 23-267

Analyst: Nicole Gorle
Date: June 28, 2023

Consideration:

Approve a grant agreement with Bastyr University to provide advancing health literacy to enhance equitable community to Covid-19 grant funding.

Background:

The Snohomish Health District (SHD) received a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in July 2021. The goal of the grant is to fund projects that demonstrate effectiveness of local governments in the implementation of evidence-based health literacy strategies that are culturally appropriate to enhance Covid-19 testing, contact tracing and/or other mitigation measures.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was entered into by the Health District and Bastyr University for the purpose of supporting the advancing health literacy grant. The MOU was effective from September 17, 2021 through June 30, 2023 and provided Bastyr University with \$250,000 for this work.

The Health Department determined that this MOU, along with a few others, should be subrecipient grant agreements and was in the process of changing them prior to the transition of the Health District into the County. While a couple of the replacement agreements were finalized prior to the transition, there were some not finalized including this one.

Current Proposal:

Scope: Ordinance 23-267 requests approval to execute a subrecipient grant agreement between the County and Bastyr University related to a grant for advancing health literacy. Bastyr University will use the grant funds as described in Section 4 of the agreement.

Duration: June 30, 2023

Fiscal Impact: None

2023 Budget: Yes – Funds were included in budget.

Future Budget Impact: No

Handling: Normal

Approved-as-to-form: No – Dept. chose to move forward without it due to timing.

Risk Management: Yes

Executive Recommendation: Yes

Request: Move to GLS July 19th for consideration.