



Committee of the Whole

Cynthia Foley

Council Initiated:

Yes

No

ECAF: 2024-1726

Motion: 24-389

Type:

- Contract
- Board Appt.
- Code Amendment
- Budget Action
- Other

Requested Handling:

- Normal
- Expedite
- Urgent

Fund Source:

- General Fund
- Other
- N/A

Executive Rec:

- Approve
- Do Not Approve
- N/A

Approved as to

Form:

- Yes
- No
- N/A

Subject: Contract for Postmortem Toxicology Services with National Medical Services, Inc.

Scope: The office of the Medical Examiner is seeking to enter into an agreement with National Medical Services for toxicology laboratory services. National Medical Services provides rapid and accurate toxicology testing for decedents.

The Department notes in ECAF 2024-1726 that rapid toxicology services are needed to maintain accreditation with the National Association of Medical Examiners, which is required by RCW 36.24.210¹ as of July 1, 2025.

This contract will be paid for using CDMH funds. When these funds are exhausted, General Fund dollars will be used to cover additional expenditures. The contract not to exceed amount is \$584,000 and the term expires on June 30, 2027.

Duration: Execution until June 30, 2027, and may be extended for 2 additional 2-year terms.

Fiscal Impact: Current Year Future-Year N/A

Expenditures	Current Year	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
Fund 124 - CDMH	\$80,000	\$168,000	\$168,000	\$168,000		\$584,000
Totals	\$80,000	\$168,000	\$168,000	\$168,000	0	\$584,000

Revenue	Current Year	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
						0
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0

Authority Granted: Motion 24-389 authorizes the County Executive to sign a contract with National Medical Services, Inc., for toxicology services not to exceed the amount of \$584,000 before June 30, 2027.

Background: Toxicology services are part of the Expedited Drug Analysis Program which provides data used in the Medical Examiner’s drug overdose dashboard² and the Multi-Agency Coordination Group.

Requested Action: Consider taking action.

¹ [RCW 36.24.210: Accreditation required. \(wa.gov\)](#)

² [EDAP | Snohomish County, WA - Official Website \(snohomishcountywa.gov\)](#)