



Health and Community Services

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Council Initiated:

Yes

No

ECAF: 2023-1170

Motion: 23-422

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: 2023-2025 Snohomish County Criminal Justice Treatment Account Plan

Scope: Motion 23-422 approves the 2023-2025 Snohomish County Criminal Justice Treatment Account (CJTA) Plan and authorizes the Executive to execute an ensuing contract with the Health Care Authority (HCA) for administering CJTA funds.

Snohomish County is eligible for \$425,820 per year in CJTA funding. Since 2020, supplemental funding has been provided in the State operating budget. With \$366,819 per year in supplemental funding, Snohomish County will receive \$792, 639 annually, totaling \$1,585,278 in the 2023-2025 biennium. A breakout of all planned spending is in the Exhibits section below and page 2 of the plan.

The funds will be used for substance abuse disorder treatment and recovery supportive services such as employment, transportation, and housing assistance. Services will be provided in jails, to Therapeutic Court participants, and to individuals with pending charges who are referred to a recovery navigator.

The recovery navigator pathway was created due to code and funding changes resulting from the Blake Decision (SB 5476¹ in 2021). CJTA funds may be used to provide services for eligible individuals referred to a recovery navigator.

The 2023-2025 Snohomish County CJTA Plan increases the allowed income for recipients of CJTA-funded services from 220% (the limit in prior years) to 250% of the Federal Poverty Level.

Duration: July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025

Fiscal Impact: Current Year Multi-Year N/A

Authority Granted: Motion 23-422 authorizes the County Executive to execute a contract with the HCA to administer CTJA funds.

Background: Prior to the formation of the regional Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organizations (BH-ASO), Snohomish County received and administered CJTA funds directly from the state. Beginning in 2016, these funds were administered through the North Sound BHO. In 2018, the Washington State Legislature provided

¹ [5476.SL.pdf \(wa.gov\)](#)

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counties the option to administer their portion of the CJTA funding. The Washington State Healthcare Authority (HCA) began contracting directly with counties in July 2019 for the administration of CJTA funds. On September 23, 2020, the Snohomish County Council approved² the 2019-2021 Criminal Justice Treatment Account plan.

CJTA funds shall only be used for (RCW 71.24.580³):

- Substance use disorder treatment and treatment support services for offenders with a substance use disorder that, if not treated, would result in addiction, against whom charges are filed by a prosecuting attorney in Washington state.
- The provision of substance use disorder treatment services and treatment support services for nonviolent offenders within a drug court program.
- During the 2021-2023 and 2023-2025 fiscal biennia, substance use disorder treatment services for 180 days following graduation from the drug court program.
- The administrative and overhead costs associated with the operation of a drug court.

Exhibits:

Organization	Initial Annual Allocation	Supplemental Annual Allocation	Total Annual Allocation
Administration	\$42,582	\$35,924	\$78,506
Snohomish County Therapeutic Court	\$75,000	\$83,316	\$158,316
Evergreen Recovery Center	\$219,300		\$219,300
SeaMar	\$32,100		\$32,100
Catholic Community Services	\$36,838		\$36,838
Snohomish County Jail		\$247,579	\$247,579
Tulalip Behavioral Health	\$20,000		\$20,000
Total	\$425,820	\$366,819	\$792,639

Requested Action: Move to GLS on December 6, 2023, for consideration.

² [General Legislative Session - Sep 23rd, 2020 \(granicus.com\)](https://www.granicus.com)

³ [RCW 71.24.580: Criminal justice treatment account. \(wa.gov\)](https://www.wa.gov)