



# Committee of the Whole

Cynthia Foley

Council Initiated:

Yes

No

**ECAF:** 2024-3059

**Motion:** 24-496

**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 – Form Agreement
- N/A

**Subject:** National Court Appointed Special Advocate/Guardian Ad Litem Association for Children Strategic Planning Demonstration Grant

**Scope:** Snohomish County CASA will be opening a state-of-the-art sensory room and community connections center where CASA staff and volunteers will engage in recruitment activities, training, and advocacy for the best interest of children and youth who are before the court because of abuse or neglect. The room will be available to all children served and will be used for improving outcomes for neurodivergent youth and young adults.

The Human Services Department is seeking to enter into an agreement with National CASA/Guardian Ad Litem Association to receive a \$20,000 National Demonstration Strategic Planning Grant for training staff and volunteers on the use of the sensory room and increasing skills for serving youth.

**Duration:** October 31, 2024, through September 30, 2025

**Fiscal Impact:**  Current Year  Multi-Year  N/A

Expenditures	Current Year	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
Fund 124	\$5,000	\$15,000				\$20,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>

Revenue	Current Year	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
Fund 124	\$5,000	\$15,000				\$20,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>

**Authority Granted:** Motion 24-496 authorizes the Executive to sign the National Court Appointed Special Advocate/Guardian Ad Litem Association for Children Strategic Planning Demonstration Grant in the amount of \$20,000 for the period 10/31/2024 through 9/30/2025.

**Background:** The National CASA/GAL Strategic Planning Demonstration Grant aims to create new ways of serving clients that benefit children and families by strengthening and diversifying the support provided to children and families served by the CASA division. The grant is a structured opportunity to advance and support goals and initiatives identified by National CASA standards to provide best interest advocacy to children.

**Requested Action:** Consider taking action on Motion 24-496.