



Committee of the Whole

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Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

ECAF: 2026-0076

Motion: 26-040

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:

Federal Government Relations Representation – Lobbying Contract – Baker and Leavitt, PLLC

Scope:

This motion would approve a contract with Baker and Leavitt, PLLC to provide the County with federal lobbying services. Under the agreement the contractor will:

- Assist the County in developing a legislative program that aligns with federal funding opportunities (Schedule A (i)).
- Meet with key federal officials (Schedule A (ii)).
- Maintain visibility of County Legislative agenda issues (Schedule A (iii)).
- Coalition building services (Schedule A (iv)).
- Monthly written statements of work (Schedule A (v)).
- Regular teleconference meetings and briefings to the county (Schedule A (vi)).

Schedule A provides a detailed breakdown of the tasks to be completed under each of the aforementioned areas.

Schedule B outlines compensation, which shall be \$100k/12-month period. There is a flat fee of \$8k/month with \$4/k per year allowed for travel-related expenses (when requested by the County for the consultant to travel to Washington State).

Duration:

February 1, 2026, through January 31, 2028
(Option to extend two additional one-year terms)

Fiscal Impact:

☒ Current Year ☒ Multi-Year ☐ N/A

The total amount authorized through this motion/contract is \$400k. The initial term of the contract cost is \$200k. The motion/contract would also allow the Executive to execute two one-year extensions at \$100k each. The blue numbers below are subject to contract extension by the Executive.

Expenditures	Current Year	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000		\$400,000
Total's	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000		\$400,000

Revenue	Current Year	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
Total's	0	0	0	0	0	0

Authority Granted: Authorizes the Executive to execute the contract and any future amendments.

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Background: The County contracts with outside agencies for government relation representation at both the state and federal level. Last year the County went out for bid for federal government relations representation contract through RFP No. 25-0614BC. The winning bid for the federal lobbying services contract was with Baker and Leavitt, PLLC.

Requested Action: For Council to consider taking action.