



Committee of the Whole

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Council Initiated:

Yes

No

ECAF: 2026-0041

Motion: 26-015

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: Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Program – Amendment #1 – Evergreen Recovery Center

Scope: Amendment #1 would:

- Extends the contract through June 30, 2026
- Adds \$835,000 to the contract (new contract maximum is \$1,670,000)

Duration: July 1, 2025 to **June 30, 2026**

(option to extend four additional one-year terms)

Fiscal Impact: Current Year Multi-Year N/A

Funding for this contract comes from grant dollars received by:

- Washington State Health Care Authority - \$409,150
- US Dept. of Justice Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program (COSSUP) - \$125,250
- North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization - \$300,600

Expenditures	Current Year	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
Fund 130	\$835,000					\$835,000
Total's	\$835,000	0	0	0	0	\$835,000

Authority Granted: Authorize the Executive to execute the contract.

Background: The Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) arrest diversion program is a collaborative community safety effort that offers law enforcement a credible alternative to booking people into jail for criminal activity that stems from unmet behavioral health needs or poverty.¹

Through the approval of Motion 20-121 in June of 2020, the Prosecuting Attorney's Office (PAO) implemented the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program, funded through grant dollars. The majority of the funding for this program is passed through to other agencies for service administration and delivery. Evergreen Recovery Center is one of these agencies. The County has been contracting with them for this purpose since 2020. On October 15, 2025 Council approved the most recent contract with Evergreen Recovery Center for these services (see below).

Contract	Motion	Duration	Amount
Original	25-465	July 1 – December 31, 2025	\$835,000
Amendment #1	26-015	Extended to June 30, 2026	\$835,000
Total			\$1,670,000

Requested Action: For Council to consider taking action.

¹ [Instead of arrest, new diversion program to offer resources – HeraldNet.com](#)