



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Community Safety and Justice

Analyst: Jim Martin

ECAF: 2023-0956

Proposal: Mot. 23-350

Date: August 17, 2023

Consideration:

Approving contract with Hart, Jarvis, Murray, and Chang, PLLC, to provide indigent services for the period from August 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

Background

Conflict of interest cases require the Office of Public Defense to contract with outside counsel. Cases can include Misdemeanors, Class A, B, and C Felonies, Expedited Felonies, Juvenile criminal charges, Miscellaneous Superior Court case types, RALJ (appeals from District Court to Superior Court), Civil Protection Orders, and Child Dependency cases. Through this negotiated contract with Hart, Jarvis, Murray, and Chang, PLLC Attorney at Law, the County will continue to provide mandated legal services for the indigent defendants for cases that are a conflict of interest with the Public Defender Association.

Current Proposal

This motion authorizes the County Executive to sign the contract and any amendments with Hart, Jarvis, Murray, and Chang, PLLC to provide legal services to indigent defendants. Term of the agreement is through December 31, 2023, with a not to exceed amount of \$250,000. Contract may be extended for up to two additional one-year terms, at the sole discretion of the County.

Duration: Through December 31, 2023

Fiscal Implications: \$250,000

2023 Budget: Yes

Future Budget Impacts: None.

Handling: Normal

Approved-as-to-form: Yes.

Risk Management: Yes.

Executive Recommendation: APPROVE.

Attachments: See ECAF packet.

Amendments: NONE.

Request: Move to General Legislative Session on August 30th for consideration.