



# Committee of the Whole

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Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

**ECAF:** 2025-1971

**Motion:** 25-318

**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:** Grant Award – Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority

**Scope:** Authorize the acceptance of a \$1.2M grant from the Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority. This grant will be used to cover the expenses of two (2) detectives and one (1) supervisor within the Sheriff's Office, consultants, travel, public awareness, and equipment.

**Duration:** July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027

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

*While this is an ongoing program and the County has received this grant since 2008, the grant letter notes that this is one time funding with no guarantee for future funds.*

Expenditures	Current Year	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Fund 130	\$306,929.25	\$613,858.50	\$306,929.25			\$1,227,717
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Revenue	Current Year	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
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**Authority Granted:** Authorizes the Executive to execute the necessary documents for to accept this grant.

**Background:**

In 2007 the Washington State Legislature passed [HB 1001](#), making many changes to state law regarding auto theft. Among the many changes, the bill established grants to local government for auto theft prevention and the Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority ([WATPA](#)) to assist local governments in addressing auto theft.

In 2008 the County received its first grant through WATPA of \$827,185 for the contract period of one year and the Snohomish County established the Snohomish County Auto Theft Task Force ([SNOCAT](#)). The mission of SNOCAT is to reduce vehicle theft in the County "through pro-active enforcement efforts, apprehension of criminals who steal vehicles, and increasing public awareness of and education about auto theft." SNOCAT is comprised of detectives from Marysville Police Department, Snohomish County Sheriff's Office, the Washington State Patrol, and a prosecutor from the Snohomish County Prosecutor's Office.

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During the 2025-2026 Budget process, the 2025 Grant Work Plan (GWP) for the Sheriff's Office was approved through [Motion 24-381](#). Page 7 of the Sheriff's Office GWP included a grant for the Auto Theft Task Force in the amount of \$830,000. Because the amount awarded exceeds \$50,000 more than what was approved in the GWP, Council approval is required of this motion. Description provided in the GWP is below:

**Requested Action:** For Council to consider taking action.