



Snohomish County Council

Committee: LJHS
ECAF: 21-0895
Proposal: Mot. 21-390

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Date: Nov. 29, 2021

Consideration

The Executive's Office requests Council consider approving proposed Motion 21-390 which would approve and authorize an Interlocal Agreement between the County and the Washington State Patrol.

Background

In 2007 the Washington State Legislature passed HB 1001¹, 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)² 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 year³ 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."⁴ SNOCAT is comprised of detectives from Marysville Police Department, Snohomish County Sheriff's Office, the Washington State Patrol (WSP), and a prosecutor from the Snohomish County Prosecutor's Office.

Current Proposal

Scope: The County received a grant of \$1,635,745 for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023. These grant dollars fund 4 positions spread out amongst Marysville (1), Snohomish County Sheriff's Office (2), and the Washington State Patrol (1); consultants; phone and data plans; training and travel; office space, supplies, fuel and vehicle maintenance; public education; and prosecution and court costs.

The agreement before you would continue Washington State Patrol's participation as a member of SNOCAT.

Duration: 7/1/2021-6/30/2023

Fiscal Implications: \$353,024 in reimbursable funding to the WSP

2021 Budget: \$172,137 (up to \$8,750 in overtime for the 24-month period)

2022 Budget: \$172,137 (and up to \$8,570 in overtime if not used in 2021)

Handling: Normal

Approved-as-to-form: YES

¹ E3SHB 1001 – Auto Theft

<http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2007-08/Pdf/Bills/Session%20Laws/House/1001-S3.SL.pdf>

² Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority <https://www.waautotheftpreventionauthority.org/>

³ ECAF 20043072 – Motion 09-023 – ECAF TITLE: 20089 Auto Left Task Force Grant Award

⁴ Auto Theft (SNOCAT) - <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/2687/Auto-Theft-SNOCAT>

Risk Management: YES

Executive Recommendation: YES

Attachments: N/A

Amendments: N/A

Request: Move to GLS on December 15, 2021 for Council to consider taking action.