



# Finance, Budget and Administration

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Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

**ECAF:** 2026-1177

**Motion:** 26-299

**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:**

Contract – Government Affairs (*State – Behavioral Health*) – Dzedzic Public Affairs

**Scope:**

Approving a one-year agreement with Dzedzic Public Affairs under which they will provide the county with state government relation services pertaining to behavioral health issues and legislation at the state level. Services to be provided are (*Schedule A*):

- Lobbying services (advancing county priorities, strategy development, engagement, legislation tracking and reporting).
- Communication (weekly check-ins, updates to the Exec and Council, development of advocacy material, weekly session reports).

**Duration:**

July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027

**Fiscal Impact:**

☐ Current Year

☒ Multi-Year

☐ N/A

| Expenditures | Current Year | 2027     | 2028 | 2029 | 2030 | Total    |
|--------------|--------------|----------|------|------|------|----------|
| General Fund | \$36,000     | \$36,000 |      |      |      | \$72,000 |
|              |              |          |      |      |      |          |
| Total's      | \$36,000     | \$36,000 |      |      |      | \$72,000 |

**Authority Granted:** Authorizes the Executive to execute the agreement.

**Background:** The County contracts with outside companies to provide it with government relation services at both the State and Federal level. As legislation regarding behavioral health has increased, the County has sought a standalone government affairs contract, on top of the general contract. Since [2024](#), Dzedzic Public Affairs has provided government relation services for behavioral health.

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