



# Health and Community Services

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Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

ECAF: 2024-2804  
Motion: 24-464

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:** WA Cares Outreach Interlocal Agreement

**Scope:** Snohomish County is seeking to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), under which \$315,000 will be provided to the County for the promotion of a public long term care insurance program called WA Cares<sup>1</sup>.

Snohomish County is the regional Area Agency on Aging (AAA). Pursuant to the terms of the contract, AAAs implement an outreach plan to reach as many people as possible with information about WA Cares and inform audiences about key aspects of the program, including how contributions work, optional exemptions, using benefits, and covered services. AAAs will amplify statewide messaging on WA Cares and serve as a resource for WA Cares communications and outreach staff.

The AAA will work on provider network development. Contract deliverables include:

- A gap analysis of services and capacity.
- A timeline of provider outreach and engagement.
- Materials developed to engage providers.
- A list of provider training needs.

**Duration:** July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025

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

Expenditures	Current Year	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
Fund 124	\$157,500	\$157,500				\$315,000
Totals	\$157,500	\$157,500	0	0	0	\$315,000

Revenue	Current Year	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
Fund 124	\$157,500	\$157,500				\$315,000
Totals	\$157,500	\$157,500	0	0	0	\$315,000

**Authority Granted:** Motion 24-464 authorizes the County Executive to execute the WA Cares Outreach Agreement #2469-56352 with the Department of Social and Health Services, Aging and Long Term Supports Administration and any subsequent amendments.

<sup>1</sup> [Long-Term Services and Supports Trust Act](#)

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**Background:** Wa Cares was created in 2019 with the passage of the Long-Term Services and Support Trust Act<sup>2</sup>. Program benefits are anticipated to become available to eligible individuals in 2026. The program is financed by 0.58 percent payroll tax and covers up to \$36,500 for the care needs of eligible individuals.

**Requested Action:** Move to the GLS agenda for Council consideration.

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<sup>2</sup> [Chapter 50b.04 RCW: LONG-TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS TRUST PROGRAM](#)