



Snohomish County Council

Committee: LJHS
ECAF: 22-1249
Proposal: Mot. 22-527

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Date: December 6, 2022

Consideration

The Executive's Office requests Council consider approving proposed Motion 22-527 which would approve and authorize an agreement between the County and the Washington State Office of Public Defense.

Background

Pursuant to [RCW 10.101](#), Washington State provides funds to counties for public defense improvements. The funds are based on population and allocated in the State budget. The county's Office of Public Defense applies for the funds each August and must include in their application the public defense improvement they seek to implement in the coming year. For 2023, OPD intends to use the funds to increase the conflict panel hourly rate for Class A felony representation.

Current Proposal

Scope: Motion 22-527 authorizes the County Executive to sign the agreement with the State Office of Public Defense for receipt of the grant funds.

Duration: January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

Fiscal Implications: \$429,925

2023 Budget: YES

Future Budget Impacts: N/A (annual agreement)

Handling: Expedite

Approved-as-to-form: N/A (state form agreement)

Risk Management: YES

Executive Recommendation: APPROVE

Analysis: Although this is an annual agreement with the State, this is the first time this grant agreement has come before Council.

Request: Move the motion to GLS on December 14th for Council to consider taking action.