



Snohomish County Council

Legislation Text

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Executive/Council Action Form (ECAF)

ITEM TITLE:

Motion 23-175, approving the 4th amendment to the initial 2020 contract for legal services with Keating, Bucklin & McCormack regarding the Aradon Matter

DEPARTMENT: PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

ORIGINATOR: ELLEN HAGEY

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION: Ken Klein 4/19/23

PURPOSE: To obtain Council approval of a 4th amendment to a Contract for Legal Services with Shannon M. Ragonesi of the law firm Keating, Bucklin & McCormack (KBM) regarding the Aradon matter (C20-064).

BACKGROUND: The Prosecuting Attorney’s Office (PAO) entered into a contract with KBM on August 25, 2020, to provide legal services for up to \$50,000, related to the Aradon matter. Subsequently, the Council approved the first amendment on April 5, 2021, that authorized legal services provided by KBM for up to \$150,000. The Council approved a second amendment on April 20, 2022, that authorized legal services provided by KBM for up to \$250,000. The Council approved a third amendment on March 22, 2023, that authorized legal services provided by KBM for up to \$300,000. Litigation of and resolution to the Aradon matter are taking longer than initially anticipated. Accordingly, the fourth amendment with KBM authorizes legal services for up to \$400,000.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

EXPEND: FUND, AGY, ORG, ACTY, OBJ, AU	CURRENT YR	2ND YR	1ST 6 YRS
506-5124714609 Insurance Defense Fund	\$100,000.00		
TOTAL	\$100,000.00		

REVENUE: FUND, AGY, ORG, REV, SOURCE	CURRENT YR	2ND YR	1ST 6 YRS
TOTAL			

DEPARTMENT FISCAL IMPACT NOTES: There are no fiscal impacts to the PAO's 2023 authorized budget, as these litigation expenses are drawn from the County's Insurance Defense Fund.

CONTRACT INFORMATION:

ORIGINAL		CONTRACT#	Original	AMOUNT	\$50,000.00
AMENDMENT	1	CONTRACT#	1 st Amended Contract	AMOUNT	\$150,000.00
AMENDMENT	2	CONTRACT#	2 nd Amended Contract	AMOUNT	\$250,000.00
AMENDMENT	3	CONTRACT#	3 rd Amended Contract	AMOUNT	\$300,000.00
AMENDMENT	4	CONTRACT#	4 th Amended Contract	AMOUNT	\$400,000.00

Contract Period

ORIGINAL	START	8/25/2020	END	4/4/2021
AMENDMENT 1	START	4/5/2021	END	4/19/2022
AMENDMENT 2	START	4/20/2022	END	3/21/2023
AMENDMENT 3	START	3/22/2023	END	When 4 th amend. approved
AMENDMENT 4	START	When Council approves	END	TBD

OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW/COMMENTS: Reviewed/approved by: Risk Management (Diane Baer 4/19/23), Finance (Nathan Kennedy 4/19/23), and Prosecuting Attorney (Jason Cummings 4/17/23).