



# Snohomish County Council

## Legislation Text

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### Executive/Council Action Form (ECAF)

**ITEM TITLE:**

Motion 23-234, approving 2023 Dispute Resolution Center Surcharge Contract with Volunteers of America Western Washington

**DEPARTMENT:** Human Services

**ORIGINATOR:** Robin Hood

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:** Lacey Harper 6/2/23

**PURPOSE:** County Council approval of 2023 Dispute Resolution Center Contract and authorization for County Executive to enter into contract. County Executive signature on the two attached originals of the 2023 Dispute Resolution Center contract.

**BACKGROUND:** The attached motion requests approval of a contract between the County and Volunteers of America Western Washington (VOA) to operate a dispute resolution center to provide mediation services to residents of Snohomish County for 2023. Approval of the contract by the County Council is necessary before the County Executive may execute the contract.

Pursuant to SCC 2.550, funds for this contract are generated from a surcharge on filing fees for civil actions and small claims in district court to be used solely for a dispute resolution center. The County Finance Department has indicated that \$88,306.50 was collected in surcharges by the district courts in 2022 for the 2023 contract. The County has contracted annually with VOA to provide these services since 1988.

Also attached is a report submitted by the VOA summarizing services provided in 2022 and providing an analysis of mediation service needs in Snohomish County.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

EXPEND: FUND, AGY, ORG, ACTY, OBJ, AU	CURRENT YR	2ND YR	TOTAL
002-5244504101	\$140,000	\$0	\$140,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$140,000	\$0	\$140,000

REVENUE: FUND, AGY, ORG, REV, SOURCE	CURRENT YR	2ND YR	TOTAL
002-3244502401	\$140,000	\$0	\$140,000

<b>TOTAL</b>	\$140,000	\$0	\$140,000

**DEPARTMENT FISCAL IMPACT NOTES:** Contract is funded through the collection of district court surcharge filing fees on civil actions and small claims designated solely for operation of a dispute resolution center.

**CONTRACT INFORMATION:**

ORIGINAL	X	CONTRACT#	HCS-23-80-2301-018	AMOUNT	\$ 140,000
AMENDMENT		CONTRACT#		AMOUNT	

**Contract Period**

ORIGINAL	START	1/1/2023	END	12/31/2023
AMENDMENT	START		END	

**OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW/COMMENTS:** Reviewed/approved by: Risk Management (Sheila Barker 6/1/23) and Finance (Nathan Kennedy 6/1/23)