



# Snohomish County Council

## Legislation Text

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### Executive/Council Action Form (ECAF)

**ITEM TITLE:**

Motion 23-201, approving contract with Karim Merchant to provide indigent services for the period from May 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023

**DEPARTMENT:** Office of Public Defense

**ORIGINATOR:** Kristin Crane

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:** Approved by Ken Klein 5/11/23

**PURPOSE:** To provide mandated legal defense services in cases that are a conflict of interest to the County’s contract with the Public Defender Association (PDA) for the period from May 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, with a potential for two (2) additional one (1) year extensions.

**BACKGROUND:** This contract covers cases that are a conflict of interest to the PDA. The case types covered under this contract can include as noted on the contract Misdemeanors, Class, A, B, and C Felony cases, Expedited Felonies, Juvenile criminal charges, Miscellaneous Superior court case types, RALJ (appeals from District court to Superior court), Civil protection orders, and Child Dependency cases. \$250,000 is the NTE amount for 2023 as the case type, duration, and other factors affecting caseloads are unknown at this time. These factors emerge throughout the year and OPD will manage contracts with these attorneys as needed.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

EXPEND: FUND, AGY, ORG, ACTY, OBJ, AU	CURRENT YR	2ND YR	1ST 6 YRS
0025321274114 Conflict Felony	\$250,000		
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$250,000		

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

**DEPARTMENT FISCAL IMPACT NOTES:** [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

**CONTRACT INFORMATION:**

ORIGINAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CONTRACT#	_____	AMOUNT	\$250,000
AMENDMENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	CONTRACT#	_____	AMOUNT	_____

**Contract Period**

ORIGINAL	START	05/01/2023	END	12/31/2023
AMENDMENT	START	_____	END	_____

**OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW/COMMENTS:** [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Reviewed/approved by Risk - Shelia Barker 5/9/23 and Finance - Nathan Kennedy 5/11/23