



GENERAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 9, 2015
5:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. **INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT REGARDING THE STUDY AND DEVELOPMENT OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A REGIONAL APPROACH TO ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION**
SCOTT SPENCE, CITY MANAGER
(ATTACHMENT)



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SAFETY COMMITTEE**
February 9, 2015

SUBJECT: Interlocal Agreement Regarding the Study and Development of Recommendations for a Regional Approach to Appropriate Alternatives to Incarceration.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Interlocal Agreement Regarding the Study and Development of Recommendations for a Regional Approach to Appropriate Alternatives to Incarceration, and authorize the City Manager to sign agreement.

STAFF CONTACT: Scott Spence, City Manager 

ORIGINATED BY: City Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Interlocal Agreement Regarding the Study and Development of Recommendations for a Regional Approach to Appropriate Alternatives to Incarceration](#)
2. [Scope of Work](#)

FISCAL NOTE: None anticipated.

PRIOR REVIEW: First formal review.

BACKGROUND:

Thurston County is proposing an Interlocal Agreement, between the cities of Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater and Thurston County, for the purpose of studying a Community Corrections model that could be used as an alternative to incarceration. The study would also describe the benefits of increasing the use of current jail alternative programs such as work release, electronic home monitoring, day reporting and work crew.

Under this proposal, the study is estimated to cost \$15,000. As per the agreement, the Cities of Lacey and Tumwater would contribute \$1,500 each; Thurston County and the City of Olympia would each pay \$6,000.

The goal of this study is to explore reasonable alternatives to incarceration, which could reduce expenses within the criminal justice system overall.

This Interlocal Agreement is scheduled to be before the respective partners Councils and Commission in the month of February.

ADVANTAGES:

1. The proposed study will help identify or highlight practices that could have the potential to reduce jails costs overall.
2. Provides Lacey a role in the regional discussion concerning the cost implications of incarceration.

DISADVANTAGES:

1. No disadvantages are foreseen.

**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT REGARDING THE STUDY AND DEVELOPMENT
OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A REGIONAL APPROACH TO
APPROPRIATE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION**

Pursuant to RCW Chapter 39.34, this Interlocal Agreement (Agreement) is made and entered into between and among the City of Olympia, the City of Tumwater, the City of Lacey and Thurston County, collectively hereafter referred to as “Parties” or “the Parties.”

WHEREAS, the cost of providing criminal justice services, including the jailing of individuals accused or convicted of a crime continues to escalate; and

WHEREAS, that cost escalation continues to put pressure on the limited resources of the Parties; and

WHEREAS, research suggests that alternatives to incarceration may provide better and more cost effective outcomes for individuals accused or convicted of a crime and for their communities; and

WHEREAS, in our region, a variety of programs, under the general moniker of “Community Corrections,” provide alternatives to incarceration and they are being successfully utilized in appropriate settings without compromising public safety; and

WHEREAS, among those jurisdictions offering “Community Corrections” programming is the city of Hillsboro, Oregon; and

WHEREAS, a number of community leaders, elected officials and corrections staff have visited the Hillsboro program and found its model to be of interest and worthy of additional study to determine if some of the approaches would be applicable in our region,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties desire to enter into this Agreement:

1. The Parties have committed to funding a study of alternatives to incarceration and the development of appropriate regional recommendations to such alternatives; and
2. The Parties have identified Kathleen Gookin as the consultant who will be retained to study and recommend alternatives to incarceration for the Parties;
3. Thurston County, on behalf of the Parties, will administer the contract with the consultant, Kathleen Gookin.
4. The Parties have agreed to provide funding in the following amounts: City Of Olympia \$6,000; City of Lacey \$1,500; City of Tumwater \$1,500; Thurston County \$6,000; for a total amount of \$15,000.
5. The Parties will support the scope of work attached to this Agreement.

6. Subject to its other provisions, this Agreement shall be effective when the last signatory approves or ratifies and executes this Agreement, and it shall be terminated no later than 90 days from ratification.
7. Each Party, other than Thurston County, shall pay its share of the contract (as outlined in paragraph 4 above) to Thurston County, which will disburse the funds to the consultant upon receipt of invoices at the rate of \$150.00 per hour, up to an amount not exceeding \$15,000. Any funds not invoiced by and disbursed to the consultant shall be returned to the Parties in their proportionate share. Such proportions shall be Forty percent (40%) to the City of Olympia, Forty percent (40%) to Thurston County, Ten percent (10%) to the City of Lacey, and Ten percent (10%) to the City of Tumwater.
8. This Agreement shall be recorded with the Thurston County Auditor's Office prior to being effective.
9. By signing this Agreement, each signatory is certifying that he or she has authority to sign and that the necessary approval has been obtained from the entity represented by that signatory.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed according to the terms written above.

CITY OF OLYMPIA

By: _____
 Steve Hall
 Its: City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 City Attorney

CITY OF TUMWATER

By: _____
 Pete Kmet
 Its: Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 City Attorney

CITY OF LACEY

By: _____
 Scott Spence
 Its: City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 City Attorney

THURSTON COUNTY

By: _____
 Cathy Wolfe
 Its: Board Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 Thurston County Prosecutor

CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING SERVICES, OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON

**THURSTON REGIONAL COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROGRAM
NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

ITEM	TASK	HOURS
1	Develop a menu of services of a comprehensive community corrections program. Within each service include items such as caseload size, overall number of clients served (monthly average), screening criteria, program duration, staffing (including contract) and space requirements. The program in Hillsboro, Oregon is one example, but not the only example to be considered.	26
2	As needed, meet and confer with the Smart Justice Workgroup (SJW) volunteer who will use the above inventory to list existing services provided locally.	6
3	Analyze the differences between existing local services and those contained in Item 1, above. This will include describing the benefits of increased jail alternatives such as work release, electronic home monitoring, day reporting and work crew. Estimate costs and space requirements. A range of numbers will be generated based on the number of participants.	24
4	Determine whether the work release complex at the ARC is a suitable location for the proposed program.(Tour is required) Also, visit Olympia's programming space to determine if it can be more fully utilized in a regional model.	4
5	Prepare and present a progress report to the SJW for discussing preliminary outcomes.	6
6	Draft a preliminary report and submit it for review	24
7	Incorporate revisions to draft and submit final report	6
8	Upon request, participate in two additional meetings for up to two hours each.	4
	TOTAL HOURS	100
	TOTAL COST	\$ 15,000

\$ 150 hourly rate