

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Motion Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into Cooperative Joint Agreement with the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) for Patrol and Emergency Police Services
DEPARTMENT:	City Attorney's Office
PRESENTED BY:	Margaret King, City Attorney
ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

On April 6, the Council discussed proposed 2015 budget amendments. As part of this discussion, staff proposed to the Council an increase in the number of officers in the current Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with King County by 1.0 officer to partially assist with the transport and booking of misdemeanor prisoners to the City's primary jail facility and partially provide patrol and emergency police services to the DSHS-operated Fircrest School in Shoreline. The Fircrest School approached Shoreline Police about the possibility of providing campus patrol and emergency police services to the school, including evidence preservation and incident investigation services. DSHS would pay 50% of the officer's cost for the services provided to Fircrest. Tonight's action would authorize the City Manager to enter into a Cooperative Joint Agreement with DSHS to provide this service. The agreement that staff is proposing would have a term length of three years.

RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The estimated cost of the new officer for the time period of May 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 is \$121,926. In the proposed Joint Cooperative Agreement with DSHS, the state will pay \$7,620 per month for this service, for a total of \$60,963 in 2015. The cost of a law enforcement officer will be updated annually on January 1 of each year. The Agreement provides that the Fircrest School will fund fifty percent (50%) of a law enforcement officer's annual cost and the City will fund the remainder of the annual cost total for each year of the Agreement.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council move to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Joint Cooperative Agreement with DSHS to provide campus patrol and emergency police services to Fircrest School for a period of three (3) years.

Approved By: City Manager **DT** City Attorney **MK**

BACKGROUND

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Subsequent to the above analysis, Fircrest School, which is Residential Habilitation Center operated by DSHS that provides support to about 200 people with developmental disabilities, approached Shoreline Police about the possibility of providing campus patrol and emergency police services to the school, including evidence preservation and incident investigation services. DSHS would pay 50% of the officer's cost for the services provided to Fircrest.

DISCUSSION

In accordance with Shoreline Municipal Code Section 2.60.080, the City of Shoreline may enter into interlocal and cooperative agreements with other public agencies. These agreements are authorized by RCW 39.34.030 in order to serve the best interests of the cities and public agencies. These agreements allow various entities to enjoy the benefits of another entity's authority and expertise. SMC 2.60.080 requires City Council's approval prior to entering into these agreements.

This proposal is a Joint Cooperative Agreement between the City of Shoreline and the State of Washington Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to provide campus patrol and emergency police services, including evidence preservation and incident investigation services, to Fircrest School for a period of three (3) years. The new officer will cover both the prisoner transport need discussed above and provide services outlined in the Joint Cooperative Agreement to Fircrest School. The Shoreline Police Chief and the City Manager felt that adding an officer that is 50% funded by another agency would be a good opportunity for the City to provide value-added service to the community.

COUNCIL GOAL ADDRESSED

This item addresses Council Goal #5: Promote and enhance the City's safe community and neighborhood programs and initiatives.

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