

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-337

APPROVE AN AGREEMENT FROM THE
WASHINGTON STATE OFFICE OF PUBLIC DEFENSE
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$218,417.77 FOR USE IN
CALENDAR YEAR 2026

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners has reviewed the agreement between Lewis County and the Washington State Office of Public Defense for Public Defense Improvement Funds for the period of January 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 10.101 RCW county distributions are statutory formula distributions for the purpose of improving the quality of public defense services in Washington State counties; and

WHEREAS, Lewis County's budget for public defense for 2025 is \$2.3 million, of which the Washington State Office of Public Defense contributes less than 5% annually with the majority of the cost supported by the Lewis County taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, it appears to be in the best public interest to authorize the execution of said agreement for Lewis County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the aforesaid agreement with the Washington State Office of Public Defense granting Public Defense Improvement Funds of \$218,417.77 for January 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026, is hereby approved and the Budget and Risk Director is authorized to sign the agreement.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION this 25th day of November, 2025.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Jonathan Meyer, Prosecuting Attorney

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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By: David Bailey,
Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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ATTEST:



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