

**KITSAP COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES
Veterans Assistance Fund Contract**

Contract Number: KC-028-23

Contractor: Northwest Justice Project

Amount: \$50,000

Contract Term: January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

CFDA#: Not applicable

Purpose: This contract provides funding from the Veterans Assistance Fund (VAF) to Northwest Justice Project for the provision of legal services to remove legal barriers to housing, employment, and self-sufficiency to indigent veterans residing in Kitsap County.

This contract is made between Northwest Justice Project (hereinafter “Contractor”) and the Kitsap County Department of Human Services (hereinafter the “County”). This notification of contract, including all material incorporated by reference, contains all terms and conditions agreed to by the parties hereto. No other understandings, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this agreement shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the parties hereto.

The rights and obligations of the parties shall be subject to and governed by the terms and conditions contained herein and by the Statement of Work, General Agreement, Special Terms and Conditions, and the Budget. In the event of any inconsistency in this notification of contract including the items incorporated herein by reference, the inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order: (1) General Agreement; (2) Special Terms and Conditions; (3) Statement of Work; and (4) Budget.

As evidenced by signatures hereon, the parties accept the terms and conditions of this contract.

KITSAP COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE FUND CONTRACT
CONTRACT GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

This contract for Human Services (the Contract) is entered into by Kitsap County, a municipal corporation, having its principal offices at 614 Division Street, Port Orchard, Washington, 98366 (the County) and Northwest Justice Project having its principal office at 401 Second Ave. S., Suite 407, Seattle WA 98104 (Contractor).

SECTION 1. EFFECTIVE DATE OF CONTRACT

The Contract will become effective on January 1, 2023 and terminate on December 31, 2023. In no event will the Contract become effective unless and until it is approved and executed by the duly authorized representative of Kitsap County.

SECTION 2. SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED

- 2.1 A description of the services to be performed by the Contractor is set forth in Attachment B: Statement of Work, which is attached to the Contract.
- 2.2 The Contractor agrees to provide its own labor and materials. Unless otherwise provided for in the Contract, no material, labor or facilities will be furnished by the County.
- 2.3 The Contractor will perform the work specified in the Contract according to standard industry practice.
- 2.4 The Contractor will complete its work in a timely manner and in accordance with the schedule agreed to by the parties.
- 2.5 The Contractor will confer with the County from time to time during the progress of the work. The Contractor will prepare and present status reports and other information that may be pertinent and necessary, or as may be requested by the County.

SECTION 3. CONTRACT REPRESENTATIVES

The County and the Contractor will each have a contract representative. A party may change its representative upon providing written notice to the other party. The parties' representatives are as follows.

County's Contract Representative

Richard Becker, Human Services Planner
Kitsap County Department of Human Services
614 Division Street, MS-23
Port Orchard, WA 98366

Contractor's Contract Representative:

Cesar Torres, Executive Director
Northwest Justice Project
401 Second Ave S, Suite 407
Seattle WA 98104

SECTION 4. COMPENSATION

- 4.1 A description of the compensation to be paid to the Contractor is set forth in Attachment C: Budget Summary, which is attached to the Contract.

- 4.2 The total amount payable under the Contract, by the County to the Contractor, in no event will exceed \$50,000 Any cost incurred by the Contractor over and above the year-end sums set out in the budgets shall be at the Contractor's sole risk and expense.
- 4.3 Unless otherwise provided in the Contract, the Contractor may submit an invoice to the County once a month for payment of work actually completed to date. Contractor shall use the Department of Human Services Contractor Invoice Form, available from the County. Subject to the other provisions of the Contract, the County generally will pay such an invoice within 30 days of receiving it.
- 4.4 The County will submit payments for work performed to;
Northwest Justice Project
401 Second Ave S, Suite 407
Seattle WA 98104
- 4.5 The Contractor will be paid only for work expressly authorized in the Contract.
- 4.6 Payments shall not be construed as a waiver of the County's right to challenge the level of the Contractor's performance under this Contract, and to seek appropriate legal remedies.
- 4.7 The Contractor will not be entitled to payment for any services that were performed prior to the effective date of the Contract or after its termination, unless a provision of the Contract expressly provides otherwise.
- 4.8 If the Contractor fails to perform any substantial obligation, and the failure has not been cured within 10 days following notice from the County, the County may, in its sole discretion and upon written notice to the Contractor, withhold all monies due the Contractor, without penalty, until such failure to perform is cured.
- 4.9 The Contractor shall pay no wages in excess of the usual and accustomed wages for personnel of similar background, qualifications and experience.
- 4.10 The Contractor shall pay no more than reasonable market value for equipment and/or supplies.

SECTION 5. AMENDMENTS AND CHANGES IN WORK

- 5.1 In the event of any errors or omissions by the Contractor in the performance of any work required under the Contract, the Contractor will make all necessary corrections without additional compensation. All work submitted by the Contractor will be certified and checked by the Contractor for errors and omissions. The Contractor will continue to be responsible for the accuracy of work even after the work is accepted by the County.
- 5.2 In order to be effective, any contract renewal, amendment or modification must be in writing, be signed by both parties, and be attached to the Contract. Work under a renewal, amendment or modification may not commence until the renewal, amendment or modification has been approved by the County and has become effective.
- 5.3 Either party may request that the Contract terms be renegotiated when circumstances, which were neither foreseen nor reasonably foreseeable by the parties at the time of contracting, arise during the period of performance of the Contract. Such circumstances must have a substantial and material impact upon the performance projected under this Contract, and must be outside the control of either party.

SECTION 6. HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County and its elected and appointed officials, officers, employees and agents from and against all claims resulting from or arising out of the performance of the Contract, whether such claims arise from the acts, errors or omissions of Contractor, its subcontractors, third parties or the County, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts, errors or omissions any of them may be liable. "Claim" means any loss, claim, suit, action, liability, damage or expense of any kind or nature whatsoever, including but not limited to attorneys' fees and costs, attributable to personal or bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of property, including the loss of use resulting therefrom. Contractor's duty to indemnify, defend and hold harmless includes but is not limited to claims by Contractor's or any subcontractor's officers, employees or agents. Contractor's duty, however, does not extend to claims arising from the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the County or its elected or appointed officials, officers or employees. For the purposes of this indemnification provision, Contractor expressly waives its immunity under Title 51 of the Revised Code of Washington and acknowledges that this waiver was mutually negotiated by the parties. This indemnification provision shall survive the expiration or termination of the Contract.

SECTION 7. INSURANCE

- 7.1 **Professional Legal Liability.** The Contractor, if it is a licensed professional, will maintain professional legal liability or professional errors and omissions coverage appropriate to the Contractor's profession. The coverage will have a limit of not less than \$1 million per occurrence. The coverage will apply to liability for a professional error, act or omission arising out of the Contractor's services under the Contract. The coverage will not exclude bodily injury or property damage. The coverage will not exclude hazards related to the work rendered as part of the Contract or within the scope of the Contractor's services under the Contract, including testing, monitoring, measuring operations or laboratory analysis where such services are rendered under the Contract.
- 7.2 **Workers' Compensation and Employer Liability.** The Contractor will maintain workers' compensation insurance as required by Title 51, Revised Code of Washington, and will provide evidence of coverage to the Kitsap County Risk Management Division. If the Contract is for over \$50,000, then the Contractor will also maintain employer liability coverage with a limit of not less than \$1 million.
- Any additional workers' compensation requirements can be found in Attachment A, Special Terms and Conditions.
- 7.3 **Commercial General Liability.** The Contractor will maintain commercial general liability coverage for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage, subject to a limit of not less than \$1 million per occurrence. The general aggregate limit will apply separately to the Contract and be no less than \$2 million. The Contractor will provide commercial general liability coverage that does not exclude any activity to be performed in fulfillment of the Contract. Specialized forms specific to the industry of the Contractor will be deemed equivalent provided coverage is no more restrictive than would be provided under a standard commercial general liability policy, including contractual liability coverage.
- 7.4 **Automobile Liability.** The Contractor will maintain automobile liability insurance as follows.

The Contractor will maintain commercial automobile liability insurance with a limit of not less than \$1 million each accident combined bodily injury and property damage. The aggregate limit will be at least \$2 million. Coverage will include owned, hired and non-owned automobiles.

The Contractor will maintain automobile liability insurance or equivalent form with a limit of not less than \$100,000 each accident combined bodily injury and property damage. The aggregate limit will be at least \$300,000. If a personal lines automobile liability policy is used to meet this requirement, it must include a business rider and must cover each vehicle to be used in the performance of the Contract and the certificates of insurance must evidence that these conditions have been met. If the Contractor will use non-owned vehicles in performance of the Contact, the coverage will include owned, hired and non-owned automobiles.

7.5 Miscellaneous Insurance Provisions

- A. The Contractor's liability insurance provision will be primary with respect to any insurance or self-insurance programs covering the County, its elected and appointed officers, officials, employees and agents.
- B. The Contractor's commercial general liability insurance and automobile liability insurance (if applicable) will include the County, its officers, officials, employees and agents as additional insureds with respect to performance of services.
- C. The Contractor's commercial general liability insurance and automobile liability insurance (if applicable) will contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to the County as an additional insured.
- D. Any failure to comply with reporting provisions of the policies will not affect the coverage provided to the County, its officers, officials, employees or agents.
- E. The Contractor's insurance will apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought subject to the limits of the insurer's liability.
- F. The Contractor will include all subcontractors as insureds under its policies or will furnish separate certificates and endorsements for each subcontractor. All coverage for subcontractors will be subject to all of the requirements stated in these provisions.
- G. The insurance limits mandated for any insurance coverage required by the Contract are not intended to be an indication of exposure, nor are they limitations on indemnification.
- H. The Contractor will maintain all required policies in force from the time services commence until services are completed. Certificates, policies and endorsements scheduled to expire before completion of services will be renewed before expiration. If the Contractor's liability coverage is written as claims-made-policy, then the Contractor must evidence the purchase of an extended-reporting period or "tail" coverage for a three-year period after completion of the services.

7.6 Verification of Coverage and Acceptability of Insurers.

- A. The Contractor will place insurance with insurers licensed to do business in the State of Washington and having A.M. Best Company ratings of no less than A-VII, with the exception that excess and umbrella coverage used to meet the requirements for limits of liability or gaps in coverage need not be placed with insurers or re-insurers licensed in the State of Washington.

- B. The Contractor will furnish the County with properly executed certificates of insurance or a signed policy endorsement which will clearly evidence all insurance required in this Section before work under this Contract shall commence. The certificate will, at a minimum, list limits of liability and coverage. The certificate will provide that the underlying insurance contract may not be canceled, or allowed to expire, except on 30-days' prior written notice to the County. Any certificate or endorsement limiting or negating the insurer's obligation to notify the County of cancellation or changes must be amended so as not to negate the intent of this provision.
- C. The Contractor will furnish the County with evidence that the additional-insured provision required above has been met. Acceptable forms of evidence are the endorsement pages of the policy showing the County as an additional insured, or a letter of self-insurance from a public entity risk pool which waives the requirement.
- D. Certificates of insurance will show the certificate holder as Kitsap County and indicate "care of" the appropriate County office or department. The address of the certificate holder will be shown as the current address of the appropriate County office or department.
- E. The Contractor will request that the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries, Workers Compensation Representative, send verification to the County that the Contractor is currently paying workers' compensation.
- F. Evidence of such insurance, as required above, shall be provided to the County at the following address:

Richard Becker, Human Services Planner
Kitsap County Department of Human Services
614 Division Street, MS-23
Port Orchard, WA 98366

Upon receipt, the Human Services Department will ensure submission of all insurance documentation to the Risk Management Division, Kitsap County Department of Administrative Services.
- G. Written notice of cancellation or change will be mailed to the County Human Services Department as provided above.
- H. The Contractor or its broker will provide a copy of all insurance policies specified in the Contract upon request of the Kitsap County Risk Manager.

SECTION 8. TERMINATION

- 8.1 The County may terminate the Contract in whole or in part whenever the County determines, in its sole discretion, that such termination is in the best interests of the County. The County may terminate the Contract upon giving the Contractor 10-days' written notice. In that event, the County will pay the Contractor for all costs incurred by the Contractor in performing the Contract up to the date of such notice, subject to the other provisions of the Contract.
- 8.2 If funding for the underlying project or matter is withdrawn, reduced or limited in any way after the Contract is signed or becomes effective, the County may summarily terminate the Contract notwithstanding any other termination provision in the Contract. Termination under this provision will be effective upon the date specified in the written

notice of termination sent by the County to the Contractor. No costs incurred after the effective date of termination will be paid.

- 8.3 If the Contractor breaches any of its obligations under the Contract, and fails to cure the breach within 10 days of written notice to do so by the County, the County may terminate the Contract. In that event, the County will pay the Contractor only for the costs of services accepted by the County. Upon such termination, the County, at its discretion, may obtain performance of the work elsewhere, and the Contractor will bear all costs and expenses incurred by the County in completing the work and all damages sustained by the County by reason of the Contractor's breach.

SECTION 9. ASSIGNMENT, DELEGATION AND SUBCONTRACTING

- 9.1 The Contractor will perform under the Contract using only its bona fide employees or agents, and the obligations and duties of the Contractor under the Contract will not be assigned, delegated or subcontracted to any other person or firm without the prior express written consent of the County.
- 9.2 If permitted to use subcontractors, the Contractor is responsible for subcontractor compliance with applicable terms and conditions of this Contract and all applicable laws.
- 9.3 The Contractor warrants that it has not paid, nor has it agreed to pay, any company, person, partnership or firm, other than a bona fide employee working exclusively for the Contractor, any fee, commission percentage, brokerage fee, gift or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of the Contract.

SECTION 10. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

- 10.1 The Contractor's services will be furnished by the Contractor as an independent contractor and not as an employee, agent or servant of the County. The Contractor will perform the services in strict accordance with the provisions of the Contract, but will be free from control or direction over the performance of the services.
- 10.2 At least one of the following applies: (a) the services to be provided are outside the usual course of business for which the services are performed; (b) the services to be provided will be performed outside all of the places of business of the Contractor; or (c) the Contractor is responsible for the costs of the principal place of business from which the services will be performed.
- 10.3 The Contractor warrants that it either: (a) is customarily engaged in an independently established trade, occupation, profession or business of the same nature as that involved in the Contract; or (b) has a principal place of business for the business it is conducting that is eligible for a business deduction for federal income tax purposes.
- 10.4 The Contractor acknowledges or warrants that it: (a) is responsible for filing at the next applicable filing period a schedule of expenses with the Internal Revenue Service for the type of business the Contractor is conducting; (b) has established an account with the State of Washington Department of Revenue and any other applicable state agencies for the business the Contractor is conducting for the payment of all state taxes normally paid by employers and businesses; and (c) has registered for and received a unified business identifier number from the State of Washington.
- 10.5 The Contractor warrants that it maintains a separate set of books or records that reflect all items of income and expenses of the business that the Contractor is conducting.
- 10.6 The Contractor acknowledges that the entire compensation for the Contract is set forth in the compensation provisions of the Contract and that the Contractor is not entitled to

any County benefits, including, but not limited to: vacation pay; holiday pay; sick leave pay; medical, dental or other insurance benefits; fringe benefits; or any other rights or privileges afforded to County employees or agents.

- 10.7 In the event that any of the Contractor's employees, agents, servants or subcontractors, carry on activities or conduct themselves in any manner which may either jeopardize the funding of this Contract or indicates that they are unfit to provide those services as set forth within, the Contractor shall be responsible for taking adequate measure to prevent said employee, agent or servant from performing or providing any such services.
- 10.8 The Contractor will hold harmless, indemnify and defend the County, its officers, officials, employees and agents from and against any loss or expense, including, but not limited to, settlements, judgments, set-offs, attorneys' fees or costs, incurred or suffered by reason of claims or demands arising in connection with the provisions of this Section.

SECTION 11. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

- 11.1 The Contractor, its employees, assignees, delegates or subcontractors will not discriminate against any person in performance of any of its obligations under the Contract on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, veteran status or the presence of disability.
- 11.2 The Contractor, its employees, assignees, delegates and subcontractors will comply with all applicable provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act and all regulations interpreting and enforcing such act.
- 11.3 The Contractor and its subcontractors, employees, agents, assignees and representatives will comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations in their performance under the Contract.
- 11.4 Religious Activities. If the Contractor is a faith-based or religious organization, it retains its independence and may continue to carry out its mission, including the definition, development, practice, and expression of its religious beliefs. Such a Contractor, however, may not use any funding provided under this Agreement to support or engage in any explicitly religious activities, including activities that involve overt religious content such as worship, religious instruction, or proselytization, nor may such a Contractor condition the provision of services provided pursuant to this Agreement upon a participant's engaging in any such explicitly religious activities.

SECTION 12. DOCUMENTATION AND OWNERSHIP OF MATERIALS

- 12.1 The Contractor will maintain readily accessible records and documents sufficient to provide an audit trail needed by the County to identify the receipt and expenditure of funds under this Contract, and to keep on record all source documents, such as time and payroll records, mileage reports, supplies and material receipts, purchased equipment receipts, and other receipts for goods and services.
- 12.2 The Contractor will maintain property record cards and property identification tabs as may be directed by County codes and changes thereto. This applies only to property purchased from funds under this Contract specifically designated for such purposes. Ownership of equipment purchased with funds under this Contract so designated for purchase shall rest in the County and such equipment shall be so identified.
- 12.3 The Contractor will provide a detailed record of all sources of income for any programs it operates pursuant to this Contract, including state grants, fees, donations, federal

funds and other funds outlined in this Contract, or any amendments or modifications to this Contract. Expenditure of all funds payable under this Contract must be in accordance with the attached Statement of Work.

- 12.4 All reports, drawings, plans, specifications, all forms of electronic media, and data and documents produced in the performance of the work under the Contract will be “works for hire” as defined by the U.S. Copyright Act of 1976 and will be owned by the County. Ownership includes the right to copyright, patent, and register, and the ability to transfer these rights.
- 12.5 All property and patent rights, including publication rights, and other documentation, including, machine-readable media, produced by the Contractor in connection with the work provided for under this Contract shall vest in the County and such materials will be provided to the County upon request.
- 12.6 An electronic copy of all word processing documents will be submitted to the County upon request or at the end of the job using the word processing program and version specified by the County.

SECTION 13. PATENT/COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT

The Contractor will hold harmless, indemnify and defend the County, its officers, officials, employees and agents, from and against any claimed action, cause or demand brought against the County, where such action is based on the claim that information supplied by the Contractor or subcontractor infringes any patent or copyright. The Contractor will be notified promptly in writing by the County of any notice of such claim.

SECTION 14. DISPUTES

Differences, disputes and disagreements between the Contractor and the County arising under or out of the Contract will be brought to the attention of the County at the earliest possible time so that the matter may be settled or other appropriate action promptly taken. Any dispute relating to the quality or acceptability of performance or compensation due the Contractor will be decided by the County’s contract representative or designee. All rulings, orders, instructions and decisions of the County’s contract representative will be final and conclusive.

SECTION 15. CONFIDENTIALITY

The Contractor, its employees, subcontractors and their employees will maintain the confidentiality of all information provided by the County or acquired by the Contractor in performance of the Contract, except upon the prior express written consent of the County or an order entered by a court of competent jurisdiction. The Contractor will promptly give the County written notice of any judicial proceeding seeking disclosure of such information.

SECTION 16. CHOICE OF LAW, JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 16.1 The Contract will be construed as having been made and delivered within the State of Washington, and it is agreed by each party that the Contract will be governed by the laws of the State of Washington, both as to its interpretation and performance.

- 16.2 Any action at law, suit in equity or other judicial proceeding arising under or out of the Contract may be instituted and maintained only in a court of competent jurisdiction in Kitsap County, Washington.
- 16.3 If the Contractor is a federally recognized Indian tribe, the following provision applies: Each party hereby grants a limited waiver of sovereign immunity to suit solely with respect to claims made against it by the other party relating to, or arising under, this Contract. Each party hereby voluntarily consents to the personal jurisdiction of the Superior Court of the State of Washington, County of Kitsap, solely for this purpose.

SECTION 17. MISCELLANEOUS

- 17.1 **Authority.** The Contractor certifies that it has the legal authority to apply for the funds covered under this Contract.
- 17.2 **No Waiver.** The parties agree that the excuse or forgiveness of performance, or waiver of any provisions of the Contract, does not constitute a waiver of such provision or future performance, or prejudice the right of the waiving party to enforce any of the provisions of the Contract at a later time.
- 17.3 **Remedies.** All remedies provided for in this Contract will be construed as cumulative and will be in addition to any other remedies provided by law.
- 17.4 **Tax Payments.** The Contractor will pay all applicable federal, state and local taxes, fees (including licensing fees) and other amounts.
- 17.5 **Conflict of Interest.** The Contractor will avoid organizational conflicts of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest in disbursing contract funds for any purpose and in the conduct of procurement activities. The Contractor will ensure that its subcontractors, employees, agents or representatives avoid conflicts of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest in disbursing contract funds for any purpose and in the conduct of procurement activities.
- 17.6 **Personnel Removal.** The Contractor agrees to remove immediately any of its subcontractors, employees, agents or representative from assignment to perform services under the Contract upon receipt of a written request to do so from the County's contract representative or designee.
- 17.7 **Records Inspection and Retention.** The County may, at reasonable times, inspect the books and records of the Contractor relating to the performance of the Contract. The Contractor will retain for audit purposes all Contract-related records for at least six (6) years after termination of the Contract.
- 17.8 **Publication.** The Contractor will not publish any results of the works performed under this Contract without the advance written permission of the County.
- 17.9 **County Review.** The County may, at reasonable times, review and monitor the financial and service components of the program as established by the Contractor by whatever means are deemed expedient by the Board of County Commissioners, or its respective delegates. Such review may include, but is not limited to, with reasonable notice, on-site inspection by County agents or employees, and the inspection of all records or other materials which the County deems pertinent to the Contract and its performance, except those deemed confidential by law.

- 17.10 **Successors and Assigns.** The County, to the extent permitted by law, and the Contractor each bind themselves, their partners, successors, executors, administrators and assigns to the other party to the Contract and to the partners, successors, administrators and assigns of such other party in respect to all covenants to the Contract.
- 17.11 **Severability.** If a court of competent jurisdiction holds any provision of the Contract to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, in whole or in part, the validity of the remaining provisions will not be affected and the parties' rights and obligations will be construed and enforced as if the Contract did not contain the particular provision held to be invalid. If any provision of the Contract conflicts with any statutory provision of the State of Washington, the provision will be deemed inoperative to the extent of the conflict or modified to conform to statutory requirements.
- 17.12 **Suspension, Debarment, and Lobbying.** The Contractor shall certify, on a separate form (Attachment D), that it is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency. Also, the Contractor, on a separate form (Attachment E), will certify that it does not use Federal funds for lobbying purposes. Both forms are attached to this Contract.
- 17.13 **Attachments.** The parties acknowledge that the following attachments, which are attached to this Contract, are expressly incorporated by this reference:

Attachment B – Statement of Work

Attachment C – Budget Summary/Estimated Expenditures

Attachment D – Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters

Attachment E – Certification Regarding Lobbying

In the event of an inconsistency between these General Terms and Conditions and the attachments, precedence shall be given in the following order: (1) General Terms and Conditions; (2) Special Terms and Conditions; (3) Statement of Work; (4) Budget Summary/Estimated Expenditures.

- 17.14 **Whole Agreement.** The parties acknowledge that the Contract is the complete expression of their agreement regarding the subject matter of the Contract. Any oral or written representations or understandings not incorporated in the Contract are specifically excluded.
- 17.15 **Notices.** Any notice will be effective if personally served upon the other party or if mailed by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, to the addresses set out in the contract representatives provision of the Contract. Notice may also be given by facsimile with the original to follow by regular mail. Notice will be deemed to be given three days following the date of mailing, or immediately if personally served. For service by facsimile, service will be effective at the beginning of the next working day.

This contract is effective January 1, 2023.

Dated this 9th day of January, 2023. Dated this 10th day of January, 2023.

**CONTRACTOR
NORTHWEST JUSTICE PROJECT**



Cesar Torres, Executive Director

KITSAP COUNTY WASHINGTON



KAREN GOON, Administrator

Approved as to form by the Prosecuting Attorney's Office

ATTACHMENT B: STATEMENT OF WORK

NORTHWEST JUSTICE PROJECT LEGAL SERVICES

January 01, 2023 - December 31, 2023

SECTION I: LEGAL SERVICES BACKGROUND

The Contractor, Northwest Justice Project, shall provide legal services for veterans in Kitsap County in accordance with Kitsap County Ordinance Code chapter 2.92, Veterans Assistance; Chapter 73.08, Revised Code of Washington; and Policy and Procedures Manual for Helping Veterans in Kitsap County located here on the Kitsap County Web Page:

<https://www.kitsapgov.com/hs/Documents/Policies%20and%20Procedures%20signed%20Reso%202022.pdf>

Veterans eligible for legal services under the contract must be Kitsap County residents and not exceed the income criteria of 200% of the current federal poverty rate, as published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

SECTION II: SERVICE DELIVERY- LEGAL SERVICES FOR VETERANS

The Contractor shall provide Legal Assistance services for the purpose of enabling eligible Kitsap County veterans whose household income is at or below 200% of the federal poverty level and experiencing non-criminal legal problems to access the justice system by offering representation, advocacy, counseling, training, education, and information to remove legal barriers to housing, employment, and self-sufficiency.

During the contract period, the Contractor shall provide a total of 357 hours of legal assistance services to eligible veterans in an estimated 100 cases.

Veteran Legal Services shall be delivered as follows:

A. Referral and Intake Screening

The Contractor shall develop a policy outlining referral options that include a toll free number. Referral and Intake Screening can be further accommodated or adapted to meet the needs of homeless veterans or veterans with disabilities, when requested. Upon receipt of a list of Veteran Service Organizations/officers (VSOs) assisting with Veteran Assistance Fund (VAF) applications, the Contractor will conduct the necessary outreach to ensure that the correct information regarding referral options is available.

The Contractor shall maintain a screening tool, to be applied at the point of intake, to screen for those cases which may be appropriate for intervention from services other than legal assistance services, and general eligibility for Veteran Legal Services.

In so doing, the following shall be determined:

- Services requested
- Problem identification
- Existing support system
- Necessity of Legal Services versus other intervention(s)
- Existing support system (with advice)
- Veteran Information & Assistance intervention (advocacy, program screening, referral, etc.)

Following screening, those cases which appear to be appropriate for other interventions may first be referred to the appropriate services. Cases which then fail to be resolved by other interventions may be referred back to the Northwest Justice Project for Veteran Legal Services.

B. Case Prioritization:

Cases which appear to require Veteran Legal Services assistance will be prioritized with a goal to remove barriers to (1) housing, (2) employment, and (3) self-sufficiency, including, but not limited to, the following case categories:

1. Housing
2. Driver's License Reinstatement
3. Consumer Issues
4. Income Maintenance (including VA overpayment)
5. Family Law
6. Veteran Specific Issues (including access to VA health care and information and advice on discharge upgrades and characterization of service determinations).

C. The Contractor shall attempt to involve the private bar in furnishing services to individuals on a pro bono and reduced-fee basis.

D. The Contractor shall maintain a blind client satisfaction form to be provided to all clients at case closure or at the first in-person contact with the client. Clients shall then complete the survey and mail to County. Return postage shall be provided when given to the client.

E. The Contractor shall meet project performance standards. Service shall be provided to eligible veterans for an approximate 100 cases. A minimum of 300 billable service hours shall be provided. Units of Service not used in Service items two through four may be used in item one. The volunteer attorney match hours are optional. Total hours for Veteran Legal Services shall consist of:

SERVICE	UNITS OF SERVICE
1. Community Legal Services	342 hours
2. Community Training & Consultation	*3 hours
3. Residential Legal Services	*5 hours

4. Veteran Service Officer Training & Consultation	*2 hours
Subtotal	*352 hours
5. Optional Match (may be Voluntary Attorney Services)	**5 hours
Total	357 hours +

*Maximum Allowable

**To qualify as match, Voluntary Attorney Services (VAS) must meet the following conditions:

- If VAS hours are claimed, the Contractor must initiate the service.
- Clients receiving assistance via VAS shall be eligible individuals as determined by the screening characteristics outlined in Section A, above.
- Services provided by VAS shall be in accordance with the case prioritization policies as defined in Section B, above.
- Service invoices shall be submitted to the VAS in accordance with the existing procedures in Kitsap County. The Contractor shall submit a copy of the invoice as backup for its monthly reimbursement request.

F. Client services and demographics shall be reported according to the reporting requirements outlined in Section IV.

G. For the contract period, the Contractor shall provide services on a fee-for-service contract basis at the following rate:

1. One hour of service (Attorney or Paralegal): \$140.00
2. The minimum unit of billing shall be on a one-tenth of an hour basis (6 minutes).

An expenditure Report/Unit Rate Invoice is required to be submitted by the Contractor no later than the tenth (10th) day of the month for services provided the previous month. This form will be provided by Kitsap County.

SECTION III: REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

A. The Contractor shall track and maintain required client demographic and case information. The Contractor shall submit any required client demographic and service data electronically to Kitsap County. Monthly service reports, at a minimum, shall include the following, subject to the Rules of Professional Conduct with which the Contractor must comply:

1. Number of New Clients (Advice Only or Open Case) served during the reporting month;
 - a) Race or ethnicity;
 - b) Age;
 - c) Low income/poverty status, as defined as at or below federal poverty guidelines issued by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and adjusted annually by the Department of Health and Human Services;
2. Total number of cases served during the reporting month;
3. Summary of cases by issue type and problem code according to state legal guidelines;
4. Number of attorney hours provided during the reporting month, and year-to-date; and
5. Time spent on outreach activities for the reporting month and year-to-date.

B. Sufficient outreach must be conducted to assure the veteran legal services available is made known and available to all segments of the population in need. The Contractor shall focus its efforts to the following specific target groups: homeless and low-income veterans.

SECTION V: MONITORING/ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

A. The County will conduct annual monitoring and performance assessments of all services provided under this Agreement, in the manner and at reasonable times, with reasonable notice, as the County considers appropriate.

B. Monitoring and assessment activities include, but are not limited to, review of service and financial reports, including all books, records, documents, and other data, facilities, activities, and on-site visits by County staff or their designee, state, or federal representatives. Inspection will be subject to the Attorney-Client privilege and Rules of Professional Conduct confidentiality of information requirements.

C. Unless the County elects to terminate this Agreement for cause, when findings from monitoring efforts or audits show that there are apparent violations of the terms or conditions of this Agreement, the Contractor and the County shall negotiate a mutually agreeable plan of action to address the identified problem. If the parties are unable to come to agreement, the Contractor may file a complaint, as specified in this Agreement.

ATTACHMENT C: BUDGET SUMMARY

Kitsap County Veterans Assistance Program Budget

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

Northwest Justice Project					
KC-028-23					
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023					
Expenditure Cost	Fund Source	Time Period	Previous Budget	Amendment Changes this Contract	Current Budget
Legal Services	Kitsap County Real and Personal Tax (RCW 78.08 Veterans Relief Fund	1/1/23 – 12/31/23	50,000.00		50,000.00

ATTACHMENT D: CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

Primary Covered Transactions 45 CFR 76

1. The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principles:
 - a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any Federal department or agency;
 - b. Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connections with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statement, or receiving stolen property;
 - c. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charges by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph 1.b. of this certification; and
 - d. Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.
2. Where the prospective primary participants are unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

This Certification is executed by the person(s) signing below who warrant they have authority to execute this Certification.

CONTRACTOR:

Name: 

Title: César E. Torres, Executive Director

DATE: 1/9/23

ATTACHMENT E: CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and believe, that:

- (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

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Signature of Certifying Official

1/9/23

Date



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