

# CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK CITY COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

Meeting Date September 26, 2024

Originating Department Court

Contact Person Julie Espinoza, Court Administrator

**Title** Resolution 24-1967/Authorizing Mayor to Sign Interagency Agreement

IAA22546 between Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts

and the Lake Forest Park Municipal Court regarding Interpreter

Reimbursement

## **Legislative History**

September 26, 2024

City Council Regular Meeting

#### Attachments:

- 1. Resolution 24-1967
- 2. Interagency Agreement IAA25475

## **Executive Summary**

This is an interagency agreement to provide reimbursement funds for interpreter services for court interpreters and language access service expenses. The Lake Forest Municipal Court has been using this program since 2022, and this will continue the service through 2025.

## **Background**

Several years ago, the Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) introduced the Interpreter Reimbursement program. The purpose of the program is to assist courts with the expenses incurred when providing interpreters for court-related matters.

Lake Forest Park Municipal Court is one of the courts that is invited to participate in the reimbursement program. This is due in part to the court's active participation and compliance with the King County Municipal Courts Language Access Plan and regional Payment Policy.

We recommend that the Council support Lake Forest Park Municipal Court's participation in the Interpreter Reimbursement Program. We continue to provide certified court interpreters to all court customers who access justice in our court. This is a one-touch request as it is time-sensitive and routine for the Court.

# **Fiscal & Policy Implications**

The Court will be reimbursed up to \$3,415 for interpreter services.

#### **Alternatives**

Options	Results
• Approve	Court could receive reimbursement for interpreter services
• Deny	Court would receive no reimbursement for interpreter services

## **Staff Recommendation**

Approve Resolution 24-1967 to authorize the Mayor to Sign an Interagency Agreement IAA25475 between the Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts and the Lake Forest Park Municipal Court regarding Interpreter Reimbursement.