



CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK

CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA COVER SHEET

Meeting Date	September 25, 2025
Originating Department	Court
Contact Person	Julie Espinoza, Court Administrator
Title	Resolution 25-2029/Authorizing Mayor to Sign the Interagency Agreement between the Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts and the Lake Forest Park Municipal Court for the Language Access and Interpreter Reimbursement Program for the period 2025-2026

Legislative History

- September 25, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting
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Attachments:

- Resolution 25-2029
 - Interagency Agreement AOC2772
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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 2026.

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 \$5,248 for interpreter services.

Alternatives

<i>Options</i>	<i>Results</i>
• Approve	Court could receive reimbursement for interpreter services
• Deny	Court would receive no reimbursement for interpreter services

Staff Recommendation

Approve Resolution 25-2029/Authorizing Mayor to Sign the Interagency Agreement between the Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts and the Lake Forest Park Municipal Court for the Language Access and Interpreter Reimbursement Program for the period 2025-2026.