



Memorandum

To: Whatcom County Executive Satpal Sidhu

From: Champ Thomaskutty, Director – Health and Community Services

Subject: Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) – Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Interlocal Agreement

Date: JUNE 11, 2026

Attached is an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and DSHS for your review and signature.

- **Background and Purpose**

This agreement provides funding to ensure a coordinated system of local services for persons with developmental disabilities in partnership with Washington State DSHS, as outlined in RCW 71A.14. The agreement provides funding for employment and community inclusion services for adults with developmental disabilities, child development services for children ages birth to three years, and community information and training. As of January 2026, 403 adults were served with employment and community inclusion and 358 infants and toddlers were served within child development services.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

This agreement provides \$6,194,426 for the period of 07/01/2026 – 06/30/2027. These funds will be included in the 2026 budget. Council authorization is required per RCW 39.34 for interlocal agreements between public agencies.

- **Differences from Previous Contracts**

This is a new agreement; however, the County has received funding for these purposes since the 1990s. Differences from the agreement ending on 06/30/2026 (WC Contract #202507002) include an updated budget and spending plan.

Please contact Ann Beck, Community Health and Human Services Manager at 360-778-6055 (ABeck@co.whatcom.wa.us) if you have any questions.

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