



# Memorandum

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

**FROM:** Charlene Ramont, Interim Director

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

**DATE:** JUNE 11, 2025

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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 service for adults with developmental disabilities, child development services for children ages birth to three years, and community information and training. As of January 2025, 339 adults were served with employment and community inclusion and 380 infants and toddlers were served within child development services.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

This agreement provides \$6,129,076 for the period of 07/01/2025 – 06/30/2026. These funds will be included in the 2025 budget. Council authorization is required per RCW 39.34.030(2) for 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 06/30/2025 (WC Contract #202307016) include updated and added definitions, updated Data Security Requirements, and 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](mailto:ABeck@co.whatcom.wa.us)) if you have any questions.

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