

## Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: National Service Office for Nurse-Family Partnership – Implementation Agreement Amendment #3

DATE: MARCH 10, 2025

Attached is a contract amendment between Whatcom County and National Service Office (NSO) for Nurse-Family Partnership for your review and signature. This amendment increases funding to support an increase in the annual fees and for costs related to training new NFP staff due to turnover, including an Administrator (Division Manager), Supervisor, and RN.

## Background and Purpose

This is a sole source contract that provides funding for technical support and training of Whatcom County Health and Community Services' (WCHCS) Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) Program staff. Whatcom County began implementing the NFP Program, supported by the NSO, in 2012 as an evidence-based model that uses home visiting nurses to support low-income, first time mothers. The NSO's NFP Program is a proprietary program based upon key elements identified through research and refined based upon the Program's experience since 1997. The NSO's Program demonstrates effective improvement in child health and development, as well as economic self-sufficiency of families.

## Funding Amount and Source

Funding for the period of 01/01/2025 – 03/31/2026 is estimated at \$36,650 and is provided by general funds. These funds are included in the 2025 budget. Council authorization is required as the additional funding provided by this amendment exceeds 10% of the amount authorized by Council on 10/26/2021.

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

