



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) –
Nurse Family Partnership Agreement Amendment #1

DATE: MARCH 5, 2024

Attached is an Interlocal Agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State DCYF for your review and signature. This amendment adds funding for personnel, indirect and the purchase and provision of concrete goods to eligible families for the purposes of strengthening families and protecting children.

- **Background and Purpose**

The Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) Program is an evidence-based, community health program and transforms the lives of vulnerable babies born to at-risk, first-time mothers. Nurses conduct home visits with pregnant and parenting mothers and educate parents on child development, safety and health. As a result, the health of young children in our community improves. This agreement provides funding for Health and Community Service's NFP Program.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

This amendment adds \$36,123.01. This agreement provides \$414,618.60 in funding between 07/01/2023 – 07/31/2024. Funding is provided by the Home Visiting Services Account (HVSA) established in RCW 43.215.130 and is administered and passed through by DCYF. These funds will be included in the 2024 budget. Council authorization is required per RCW 39.34.030(2) for agreements between public agencies.

Please contact Erin Schuldt, Public Health Nurse Supervisor at 360-778-6134 (ESchuldt@co.whatcom.wa.us) if you have any questions.

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