



MEMORANDUM

To: Whatcom County Executive Satpal Sidhu
From: Faith Williams, – Executive’s Office
 Jake Logan, - Executive’s Office
Subject: Bellingham Food Bank – Contract Amendment (202501025-1)
Date: March 6, 2026

Enclosed is the First Amendment to the Contract for Services between Whatcom County and Bellingham Food Bank for your review and signature. This amendment adjusts the contract amount to agree with the budget adjustments made by the County Council during the 2025-2026 Mid Biennium Review.

Background and Purpose

Food insecurity remains a real concern in Whatcom County, and Whatcom County food banks have faced unprecedented funding needs because of a simultaneous increase in community need and decrease in federal support. Previously proposed funding for the Whatcom County Food Bank Network is insufficient to address this increased need, and the county has been unable to secure alternative sources of funding.

The Community Priorities Fund 1247 (CPF) was created in 2023 to account for revenues and expenditures related to general fund savings during the pandemic and to support high-priority community investments, including childcare, housing, and related initiatives. Consistent with the 2025–2026 Mid Biennium Review, this contract provides additional funding (\$500,000) to the Whatcom County Food Bank Network for use during 2026.

Funding Amount and Source

This amendment increases the total contract amount by \$500,000 for the 2026 period, bringing the cumulative 2026 total to 1,250,000. The 2025 total was \$695,000, so the total budget amount for the 2025–2026 biennium is now \$1,945,000. These amounts are consistent with Council’s actions during the 2025–2026 Mid Biennium Review.

Source	2025 amount	2026 amount	2025–2026 total
General Fund Food Bank (10004021.6610)	138,000	138,000	276,000
Community Priorities Fund Food Insecurity (12471003.6610)	557,000	612,000 1,112,000	1,669,000
Total contract funding	695,000	1,250,000	1,945,000

Differences from Previous Amendment

- Funding Adjustment: Adds \$500,000 to the contract value for Fiscal Year 2026.
- All Other Terms: No substantive changes to the scope, roles, or administrative procedures. All other provisions of the existing agreement remain unchanged and in full effect.

Other Whatcom County Contracts with the Bellingham Food Bank

Whatcom County Health and Community Services administers a Healthy Children's Fund contract with Bellingham Food Bank (Contract No. 202408006, as amended) to purchase and distribute diapers, wipes, and infant formula for low-income families with children ages 0–5. That Healthy Children's Fund contract is funded from a different source, has a distinct scope of work focused on infant-care products, and is managed under a different program and cost center; this amendment does not modify or duplicate those services.

Please Contact Jake Logan, Administrative Services Coordinator at extension 5211 or via email at jlogan@co.whatcom.wa.us if you have any questions or concerns regarding this agreement.
