



Memorandum

To: Whatcom County Executive Satpal Sidhu
From: Champ Thomaskutty, Director – Health and Community Services
Subject: Washington Initiative for Supported Employment (WISE) – Training and Technical Assistance Contract
Date: JUNE 4, 2026

Attached is a contract between Whatcom County and WISE for your review and signature.

- **Background and Purpose**

This contract provides funding for WISE to provide training and consultation to the County and local agencies who provide services to people with developmental disabilities (DD) that are related to improving employment outcomes and the inclusion of people with DD in their communities. WISE is a nationally recognized expert in the field of developmental disabilities. These services are intended to improve developmental disabilities service outcomes, build local capacity, and ensure fidelity to best practices.

RFP 25-75 was advertised in October 2025 and WISE was a successful respondent.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Total funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$59,500, is provided by Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, Developmental Disabilities Community Services (DDCS). These funds are included in the 2026 budget. Council authorization is required as total cumulative funding for this contract is expected to exceed \$75,000 in future renewals.

- **Differences from Previous Contracts**

This is a new contract; however, funding for these services has been provided to WISE in previous contracts since 2012. This contract includes no significant revisions from the contract ending on 06/30/2026 (WC Contract #202506001).

Please contact Amanda Burnett, Human Services Supervisor at 360-778-6069 or ABurnett@co.whatcom.wa.us if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Encl.