



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Charlene Ramont, Interim Director
RE: Northwest Educational Services District 189 (NWESD 189) – Youth Cannabis and Commercial Tobacco Prevention Program Interlocal Agreement
DATE: SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

Attached is an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and NWESD 189 for your review and signature. Delays in receiving approval for the County's Youth Cannabis and Commercial Tobacco Prevention Program (YCCTPP) annual workplan from the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) have prevented earlier execution of this agreement.

- **Background and Purpose**

Whatcom County receives funding from the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) to serve as the lead agency for the North Sound Regional Youth Cannabis and Commercial Tobacco Prevention Program (YCCTPP), whose goal is to reduce initiation and use of cannabis and tobacco by youth, ages 12-20, in the North Sound Region serving Island, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom Counties. NWESD 189 collaborates with Whatcom County and participates in planning and engagement efforts related to youth cannabis and tobacco prevention strategies and activities.

Through this agreement, designated YCCTPP staff at NWESD 189 will engage in ongoing learning on youth cannabis and commercial tobacco prevention topics and implement YCCTPP work plan activities in collaboration with school-based partners throughout the region. As outlined in Section II., activities will include involvement in a regional network, outreach with school partners, providing meeting space, and supporting regional strategies.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this agreement, in an amount not to exceed \$12,000, is provided by the DOH YCCTPP Grant. These funds are 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, funding for these activities has been provided through previous agreements since 2017. This agreement reduces annual funding by \$3,000 due to decreased regional funding allocated from DOH and provides a 12-month funding period and a 15-month agreement term to account for future delays in Work Plan approvals from DOH, but includes no additional significant revisions from the previous agreement period ending on 06/30/2025 (WC Contract #202108029).

Please contact Amanda Burnett, Human Services Supervisor at 360-778-6069 (ABurnett@co.whatcom.wa.us) if you have any questions.