



# Memorandum

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

**FROM:** Erika Lautenbach, Director

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

**DATE:** SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

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Attached is an Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State DCYF for your review and signature.

▪ **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 agreement provides \$378,495.59 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 are included in the 2023 budget. Council authorization is required for grant funds exceeding \$40,000, per RCW 3.06.010.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contracts**

This is a new agreement; however, funding for these services has been provided through previous grant agreements since 2012. This agreement removes references to services and funding to diaper banks and clarifies that gift cards to local implementing agency employees are not allowable but includes no additional significant revisions from the agreement ending on 06/30/2023 (WC Contract #202109028).

Please contact Ann Beck, Community Health and Human Services Manager at 360-778-6055 ([ABeck@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:ABeck@co.whatcom.wa.us)) or Kathleen Roy, Financial & Administrative Manager at 360-778-6007 ([KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us)), if you have any questions.

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