



WHATCOM COUNTY CONTRACT INFORMATION SHEET (CIS)

Whatcom Co. Contract #:
9909009-29

Originating Department:	75 - WSU Extension
Division:	7500 - WSU Extension
Program:	750000 - WSU Extension
Contract or Grant Administrator:	Shawna Beese
Contractor's / Agency Name:	Washington State University
Title of Agreement (optional):	

Type of Contract: Interlocal Agreement (RCW 39.34)	
If amendment or renewal, original contract #: 9909009	
Is this is a grant agreement? No	
If so, grantor agency contract #s:	ALN:
<i>Note: Complete ALN field if contract involves direct federal grants/cooperative agreements or pass-through federal funds.</i>	
Is this contract grant-funded? No	If yes, Whatcom County grant contract number(s):
If this contract the result of an RFP? No	If yes, RFP number(s):
Is this contract the result of a Bid Process? No	If yes, Bid Number(s):
Does this contract involve federal reimbursement? (i.e. fed grant, cooperative agreement, pass-through fed funds, etc.) No	
Procurement method:	N/A - Interlocal/Grant - For interlocal agreements between governments or grant-funded contracts
Council review: Required - Interlocal agreement (Cooperative Purpose, Referencing RCW 39.34)	

Fund(s): 1000	Original Contract Amount: \$ 3,825,060.90
Cost Center(s): 7500	This Amendment Amount: \$ 60,000.00
Object Account(s):	Total Cumulative Amount: \$ 3,885,050.90

Contract term ends:	December 31, 2026
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Key words/summary (optional):
This amendment continues the shared agent and program costs for WSU Whatcom County Extension for 2026, incorporating funds from Whatcom County Health Department's Opioid Prevention Program.

Contract routing (please initial & date):

Prepared by: Shawna Beese 3/26/26

Contractor signed: 5/11/2026

Contractor review:

Executive review: 4/28/2026

Attorney signoff: B Waldron by email 3/27/26

Council approval, if necessary: 4/28/2026

AS Finance review: A Tan 4/7/26

AB#: AB2026-264

IT review (if related): n/a

Executive signed: 4/29/2026



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Shawna Beese, Director

RE: Memorandum of Agreement Amendment

DATE: June 8, 2026

Enclosed is the necessary paperwork for an amendment of MOA 9909009 with Washington State University.

- **Background and Purpose**

Continue to share costs of faculty and educator positions in Whatcom County Extension serving Whatcom County in the Opioid Prevention Program.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this amendment is provided by Opioid Settlement Funds, Health Department.

- **Differences from Previous Contract**

An increase of \$ 60,000.00

We greatly appreciate the partnership we share with Whatcom County. Please contact me on my cell at 509-844-4729, or via email at shawna.beese@wsu.edu, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Encl.

Whatcom County Contract No.

9909009-29

Revised Amendment No. 29
Whatcom County Contract No. 9909009
CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND
WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

THIS REVISED AMENDMENT is to the Contract between Whatcom County and Washington State University dated September 22, 1999 and designated "Whatcom County Contract No.9909009". In consideration of the mutual benefits to be derived, the parties agree to the following:

Appendix A to this agreement is amended as set forth in the Revised Appendix A

Unless specifically amended by this agreement, all other terms and conditions of the original contract shall remain in full force and effect.

This Amendment takes effect: January 1, 2026, regardless of the date of signature.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Whatcom County and Washington State University have executed this Amendment on the date and year below written.

DATED this _____ day of 4/29/2026, 2026.

Each person signing this Contract represents and warrants that he or she is duly authorized and has legal capacity to execute and deliver this Contract.

CONTRACTOR:

Washington State University



Digitally signed by Maria J. Hernandez
Date: 2026.05.30 19:48:50 -0700

Maria J. Hernandez
Associate Vice President
Office of Research Support and Operations

WHATCOM COUNTY:

Approved as to form:

Brandon Waldron approved via email 2/20/2026
Prosecuting Attorney Date

Approved:

Accepted for Whatcom County:

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By: Satpal Singh Sidhu 4/29/2026
Satpal Singh Sidhu,
Whatcom County Executive

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION:

Maria J. Hernandez
Associate Vice President
Office of Research Support and Operations
Washington State University

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
Between
WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION
And
Whatcom County

REVISED APPENDIX A

The following funds will be provided under this Memorandum of Agreement for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 to provide an extension program. This is adding \$60,000 in additional funds to the agreement.

	\$ Amount for County Portion
Opioid Prevention Program	\$60,000.00
TOTAL	60,000.00

Federal Funds <u>\$0.00</u>	Non Federal Funds <u>\$60,000.00</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>\$ 60,000.00</u>

It is understood that non-Federal funds provided by the County in support of this agreement may be identified by WSU as match capacity program (Hatch Act, Smith-Lever Act, etc.) funds received by WSU to support Extension activities.

Vicki McCracken 5/11/2026
Dr. Vicki McCracken Date
Extension Director
WSU Extension

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Satpal Singh Sidhu 4/29/2026
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Satpal Singh Sidhu Date
County Executive

Maria J. Hernandez
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Date: 2026.06.02 10:54:00 -0700
Maria J. Hernandez Date
Associate Vice President
Office of Research Support & Operations

**INTERDEPARTMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT
Opioid Prevention Services Agreement**

DEPARTMENTS:

Whatcom County Health & Community Services AND
509 Girard Street
Bellingham, WA 98225

WSU-Whatcom Cooperative Extension
600 Dupont St Suite A
Bellingham, WA 98225

AGREEMENT PERIODS:

Original: **08/15/2025 – 12/31/2025**

Amendment #1: **01/01/2026 – 12/31/2026**

Amendment #2: **01/01/2026 – 12/31/2026**

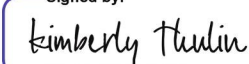
THE AGREEMENT IDENTIFIED HEREIN, INCLUDING ANY PREVIOUS AMENDMENTS THERETO, IS HEREBY AMENDED AS SET FORTH IN THE DESCRIPTION OF THE AMENDMENT BELOW BY MUTUAL CONSENT OF ALL PARTIES HERETO

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DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT:

1. Exhibit A – Scope of Work, is attached for reference and without revision.
2. Amend Exhibit B – Compensation, to modify invoicing language to authorize reimbursement through interfund transfer.
3. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.
4. The effective start date of the amendment is 01/01/2026.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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Kimberly A. Thulin, Senior Civil Deputy Prosecutor Date

PROGRAM APPROVAL

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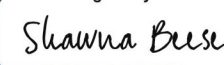
Ann Beck, Community Health & Human Services Manager Date

HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES APPROVAL

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Charlene Ramont, Assistant Director Date

WSU COOPERATIVE EXTENSION APPROVAL

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Shawna Beese, Director Date

Exhibit A

(Scope of Work)

I. Background and Purpose

This agreement provides funding for coalition capacity building within Whatcom County to plan and implement programs and services that are designed to reduce risk for substance use and poor mental health, while building on community resources that promote healthy children and families. The initial focus of these efforts will include rural areas, including Blaine. This agreement will coordinate community building efforts that engage stakeholders in community assessment, service planning, implementation, and evaluation that provide solutions to behavioral health needs in the areas (domains) of youth, school, family, and community. Birch Bay Blaine Thrives (Thrives) (<https://bbb-thrives.org/>) aligns with evidence-based practices, processes, and frameworks, such as Risk & Protective Factors, Communities That Care, and the Strategic Prevention Framework.

Opioids, and in particular fentanyl, are causing great harm to individuals, families, and communities throughout the nation. Whatcom County fatal overdoses increased nearly 50% from 2022 to 2023, and non-fatal overdoses have increased significantly as well. The confluence of deadly fentanyl with a lack of local treatment and recovery options has created a crisis in Whatcom County that is stretching institutions to their limit and not supporting people who are suffering from opioid use disorder. System coordination and improvement are necessary for success in addressing large scale, complex challenges like fentanyl and overdoses, requiring a grounding framework and a shared understanding among partners of the priorities for action.

Americans living in rural areas also face significant health disparities, resulting in shorter lifespans among rural citizens compared to their urban counterparts. Factors such as rurality, poverty, education, race, and community are critical determinants of longevity, with rurality identified as a particularly impactful determinant (Cosby et al., 2019). Recent statistics reveal that rural mortality rates are nearly 20% higher than urban rates, a snapshot of a more significant trend of worsening rural mortality rates (Curtin & Spencer, 2021). Loneliness and social isolation are critical yet often overlooked factors contributing to the rural-urban mortality gap.

II. Scope of Work

Whatcom County Extension will deliver the following services:

- 1) Participate in and support the coordination of the Thrives Prevention Coalition monthly meetings. Ten (10) meetings are anticipated to occur during this agreement period.
 - a) Thrives operates in part to help increase community capacity to respond to the ongoing substance use and mental health concerns, including the current opioid epidemic, by building and expanding community partnerships.
- 2) WCE employees will establish and lead a Thrives implementation resource council, named 'The BBB Collective'. The BBB Collective will meet monthly. Activities include:
 - a) Coordination and facilitation of workgroup meetings designed to accomplish identified objectives within the Blaine/Birch Bay community.
 - b) Capacity building to support prevention work including outreach, communication, and engagement with key stakeholders.
- 3) Establish and maintain at least ten (10) active community partnerships to build a hands-on team that implements the plans identified by the community with the help of The BBB Collective.
 - a) These partnerships will focus on serving as a resource council that inventories and promotes coordination of community activities/resources.
 - b) An implementation subcommittee will convene from some of these partnerships and focus on superordinate project coordination of the resource council partners, towards the goal of community prevention and skill building around implementation science principles.
- 4) Host a BBB Collective Community 'data walk' in 2026 as part of the BBB Collective workplan.
- 5) Maintain and update the Thrives online resource (shared drive) and add information for The BBB Collective, as necessary to coordinate community resources and provide project updates.

- 6) Administer the BBB Neighborhood Perspectives Survey 2026. The goals of the survey are:
 - a) To measure the current state of Neighborhood Collective Efficacy (necessary for implementation) that is composed of Social Cohesion and Informal Social Control
 - b) A survey on residents' conceptualization of their neighborhood, which includes identification of perceived risk and protective factors.
 - c) All surveys are WSU IRB-approved/exempt and administered through the WSU Qualtrics system. Recruitment is done at live events, meetings, classes, and for the Neighborhood Collective Efficacy development survey through one-time invites from stakeholders to their email listservs.
 - d) For annual surveying of future years, the focus will be determined by the BBB Collective and its partners, in service of the annual implantation goal/s of that year.
- 7) Conduct a feasibility pilot to community members by the end of November 2025 of community-delivered courses (IP of CHORDS Lab at WSU) with the goal of educating community members of the benefits of a healthy strategies and prevention science:
 - a) Courses will include *Neighboring as a Health Promotion Strategy* and Neighborhood Prevention Science Fundamentals
 - b) Events will be held in-person at a centralized community location TBD.
 - c) Participation is open to any interested community member(s).
 - d) At least six community-delivered classes will be delivered in 2026.
- 8) Promote community awareness and engagement through active participation in community events. This could include any school events or community-based events, such as the Borderite Block Party. At least four (4) community outreach events will be participated in.
- 9) Provide a progress report at the end of the period. This will include at a minimum:
 - a) Number and name of community partnerships developed
 - b) Number and name of classes delivered
 - c) Number and location/name of community and/or outreach events attended
 - d) Completed BBB Collective Implementation Plan Outline
 - e) Resource website metrics (e.g. unique visitors, resource downloads)
 - f) Written recommendation for conducting annual surveys
 - g) BBB neighborhood Perspectives Survey 2026
 - h) Number of community members who participated in the feasibility pilot
 - i) Any other relevant outputs or outcomes during the period

Exhibit B – Amendment #2**(Compensation)**

- I. Budget & Source of Funding:** Funding for this renewal period (01/01/2026 – 12/31/2026) may not exceed \$60,000 and is provided by Opioid Settlement Funds (cost center 18598501.6610). The Whatcom Cooperative Extension will be reimbursed for expenses as follows:

Allowable Expense	Documentation Required with Invoice	Budget
¹ Wages, Benefits	General Ledger Detail	\$60,000
Supplies, Printing/Copying, Outreach Materials, Paid Media and Promotional Development, Facility/space rental	Copies of paid invoices or receipts. For contracted services, invoices must include rates, hours, and dates of service.	
Travel (may not exceed the current GSA rate)	• Name of staff member • Date of travel • Starting address (including zip code) and ending address (including zip code) • Number of miles traveled	
TOTAL		\$60,000

¹ All costs must be directly attributable to the activities described in Exhibit A.

II. Invoicing

WSU-Whatcom Cooperative Extension (WCE) will invoice Whatcom County Health and Community Services (WCHCS) during the Agreement period according to the following:

1. WCE will submit interfund transfer requests within 30 days of completion of each service month. Requests shall include the documentation requirements detailed in the table above. WCHCS reserves the right to request additional information in order to determine eligible costs.
2. WCE will submit an interfund transfer request to HL-BusinessOffice@co.whatcom.wa.us and KHolley@co.whatcom.wa.us.
3. Payment will be considered timely if it is made within 30 days of the receipt and acceptance of billing information. Payment may be withheld if an invoice is submitted more than 30 days after the expiration of this agreement.
4. Duplication of Billed Costs or Payments for Service: WCHCS may not be billed or pay for services performed or provided under this agreement if the services are paid by any other source, including grants, for those costs used to perform or provide the services in this agreement. CE is responsible for any audit exceptions or disallowed amounts paid as a result of this Agreement.