



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Charlene Ramont, Interim Director

RE: Washington State Department of Health – 2025 - 2027 Consolidated Contract Amendment #3

DATE: **MARCH 27, 2025**

Attached is a grant amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Health for your review and signature. This amendment increases funding and/or revises statements of work for various public health programs, as described below.

- **Background and Purpose**

The Consolidated Contract defines the joint and cooperative relationship between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Health for the delivery and funding of various public health services in Whatcom County.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

This amendment adds \$298,592. Total funding for this grant is \$5,617,278 and is provided by state and federal resources. These funds are included in the 2025 budget. Council authorization is required per WCC 3.08.060 as the funding included in this amendment exceeds \$40,000.

- **Differences from Previous Contracts**

Adds statements of work and/or increases funding for the following programs:

1. Workforce Development – This amendment adds \$12,741 for the period of 1/1/25-6/30/25. Remaining funds will be focused on professional development through a) staff time to focus on employee assessment and training; b) contracts for consultation on practices and processes; and c) travel and registration for conferences.
2. Opioid Campaign Proviso – This amendment adds \$65,625 for the period of 1/1/25-6/30/25. This funding will continue to fund opioid/fentanyl prevention and overdose prevention campaigns including printed materials and advertisements in multiple languages.
3. Agricultural Worker Flu Outreach Support – This amendment adds \$50,000 for the period of 1/1/25-6/30/25. In coordination to the H5N1 Avian Influenza response, these funds will be used to conduct flu vaccination outreach to the agricultural community with a focus on dairy, cattle, and poultry workers.
4. Public Health Infrastructure – This amendment adds \$88,732 for the period of 1/1/25-11/30/27. These funds will be used to fund a) staff salary and benefits; and b) staff supplies, equipment, and training expenses.



5. Public Health Emergency Preparedness – This amendment adds \$58,730 for the period of 1/1/25-6/30/25. These funds will continue to fund a) salary and benefits for planning and training the Incident Management Team, developing an emergency plan, continuity of operations plan, and workplace safety plans; b) emergency preparedness supplies; and c) travel and registration for emergency preparedness and resiliency conferences.
6. On-Site Sewage (OSS) Local Management Plan Implementation – This amendment adds \$22,764. These funds will be used to implement the on-site sewage local management plan through compliance with OSS inspection requirements, county-wide.

Please contact Charlene Ramont, Interim Director at 360-778-6169 (CRamont@co.whatcom.wa.us) if you have any questions.

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