



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: City of Bellingham – Child and Family Action Plan Contract

DATE: March 23, 2022

Attached is a contract between Whatcom County and City of Bellingham for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

In 2012, the health and well-being of young children was declared a priority in the community and in January of 2020, the Child and Family Action Plan (CFAP) was delivered to County Council. The CFAP intends to improve access for families with young children to high quality early learning and care, housing, and mental health for families with young children. It also makes strong recommendations to develop infrastructure needed to elevate the well-being of all children and families, and to increase public funding for services and supports directed at young children and families.

This Agreement provides funding from the City of Bellingham for CFAP implementation activities including the development of a local implementation plan for increasing access to supports and services for families with young children, expansion of the Single Entry Access to Services (SEAS), and analysis of the feasibility of enhancing community and school-based family resources for accessible navigation services.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this Agreement is not to exceed \$150,000 and is provided by the City of Bellingham. These funds will be included in the 2022 budget. Council approval is required as this award exceeds \$40,000.

Please contact Judy Ziels, Public Health Nurse Supervisor at 360-778-6130 (JZiels@co.whatcom.wa.us) or Kathleen Roy, Assistant Director at 360-778-6007 (KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us), if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request.

