



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Champ Thomaskutty, Director
RE: Washington State Department of Health – 2025 - 2027 Consolidated Contract Amendment #13
DATE: FEBRUARY 26, 2026

Attached is an interlocal agreement 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 \$101,475. Total funding for this grant is \$11,229,797 and is provided by state and federal resources. These funds are included in the 2026 budget. Council authorization is required as the grant funding received through this amendment exceeds \$40,000.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contracts**

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

1. BEACH Program – This amendment adds \$8,000 for the period of 03/01/2026-10/31/2026. These funds are used to monitor water at marine swimming beaches for bacteria and provide public notification when levels are unsafe.
2. Maternal & Child Health Block Grant – This amendment adds \$9,385 for the period of 10/01/2025-09/30/2026. These funds support local activities to improve the health of women, infants, children, youth, and their families. The funding is used to pay for personnel focused on children with special health care needs and expanding caregiver support.
3. Drinking Water Group A – This amendment adds \$14,700 for the period of 01/01/2025-12/31/2027. These funds are used to support Group A drinking water systems and primarily fund the 12-13 Sanitary Surveys completed by staff each year.
4. Practice Transformation & Quality Improvement Program – This amendment adds \$16,000 for the period of 11/01/2025-12/31/2026. These funds will be used to coordinate with Coordinated Entry (CE) sites in Whatcom County on how to best serve Apple Health members that are at risk of homelessness.
5. Youth Cannabis & Commercial Tobacco Prevention Program – This amendment adds \$53,390 for the period of 10/01/2025-04/28/2026. These funds are used for regional youth cannabis and commercial tobacco prevention efforts.

Please contact Champ Thomaskutty, Director at 360-778-6005 (CThomask@co.whatcom.wa.us) if you have any questions.