



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director
RE: Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) – Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Interlocal Agreement
DATE: June 20, 2023

Attached is an Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County and DSHS DDA for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

This Agreement advances the state legislative policy to provide a coordinated and comprehensive state and local program of services for persons with developmental disabilities. The Agreement provides funding for employment and community access services for adults with developmental disabilities, child development services for children ages birth to three years, and community information and training. On average, an estimated 340 children and 388 adults are authorized to receive services monthly.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

This Agreement provides \$5,459,497 in funding for the services mentioned above. These funds will be included in the 2023 budget. Council approval is required per WCC 3.06.010 for grants exceeding \$40,000.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contracts**

This is a new Agreement, however Whatcom County has received funding from this grant through previous Agreements since the 1990s. Differences from the Agreement ending on 06/30/2023 (WC Contract #202107014) include updated and added definitions, updated Data Security Requirements, and an updated Budget and Spending Plan.

Please contact Ann Beck, Community Services Manager at 360-778-6055 (ABeck@co.whatcom.wa.us) or Kathleen Roy, Financial & Administrative Manager at 360-778-6007 (KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us), if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request.