



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: Common Goodness Project – LGBTQ+ Youth and Substance Use Prevention
Training and Technical Assistance Contract

DATE: DECEMBER 31, 2024

Attached is a contract between Whatcom County and Common Goodness Project for your review and signature.

- **Background and Purpose**

The Contractor will deliver training and technical assistance on supporting LGBTQ+ youth and substance use prevention to regional subcontractors, schools, coalitions, and community partners engaged in substance use prevention work. Whatcom County is the lead agency for the North Sound Regional Youth Cannabis and Tobacco Prevention Program (YCCTPP), which includes participation from coalitions, schools, and community partners in Whatcom, Skagit, Island, San Juan, and Snohomish Counties. The goal of the YCCTPP is to reduce initiation and use of cannabis and tobacco use by youth (ages 12-20) in the North Sound Region. LGBTQ+ youth have been identified as a priority population, both regionally and by the Washington State Department of Health, due to disproportionate impacts of cannabis and other substance use, to increase capacity and support for youth identifying as LGBTQ+.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000, is the YCCTPP Grant from the Washington State Department of Health. These funds will be included in the 2025 budget. Council authorization is required as cumulative funding, over all contract periods, is expected to exceed \$40,000.

Please contact Amanda Burnett, Human Services Supervisor at 360-778-6069 (ABurnett@co.whatcom.wa.us) if you have any questions.

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