



Memorandum

To: Whatcom County Executive Satpal Sidhu

From: Champ Thomaskutty, Director – Health and Community Services

Subject: Island County – Youth Cannabis & Commercial Tobacco Prevention Program
Interlocal Agreement

Date: 7/18/2026

Attached is an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Island County for your review and signature.

- **Background and Purpose**

Whatcom County receives funding from the Washington State Department of Health (WA-DOH) to serve as the lead agency for the North Sound Region Youth Cannabis and Commercial Tobacco Prevention Program (YCCTPP), whose goal is to both prevent the use of, and reduce the initiation of use of, cannabis and commercial tobacco products by youth ages 12-20. The North Sound Region includes Island, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom Counties. Island County collaborates with Whatcom County and participates in planning and engagement efforts related to youth cannabis and tobacco prevention strategies and activities.

Through this agreement, designated YCCTPP staff at Island County will engage in ongoing learning on youth cannabis and commercial tobacco prevention topics and lead the implementation of the county-level YCCTPP work plan in collaboration with local partners such as community coalitions, schools, community organizations, and youth. As outlined in Section II. of Exhibit A, activities will include involvement in a regional network, community outreach, youth engagement, and program promotion and assessment.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for the period of 07/01/2026 – 6/30/2027, in an amount not to exceed \$37,000, is provided by the WA-DOH YCCTPP grant. Delays in receiving notification of funding amounts for the new fiscal year from WA-DOH prevented earlier execution of this new Interlocal agreement. These funds are included in the 2026 budget. Council authorization is required per RCW 39.34.030(2) for agreements between public agencies.

- **Differences from Previous Contracts**

This is a new agreement; however, funding for these activities has been provided through previous agreements since 2017. This agreement provides a 12-month funding period and a 15-month agreement term to account for any future delays in work plan approvals from DOH, but includes no significant revisions from the previous agreement period ending in 6/30/2026.

Please contact Amanda Burnett, Human Services Supervisor, at 360-778-6909 or ABurnett@co.whatcom.wa.us if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.