



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Charlene Ramont, Assistant Director
RE: Washington State Department of Health – 2025 - 2027 Consolidated Contract Amendment #12
DATE: **JANUARY 23, 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 \$166,766. Total funding for this grant is \$11,128,322 and is provided by state and federal resources. These funds are included in the 2026 budget. Council authorization for this agreement was received on 01/14/2025.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contracts**

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

1. Syndemic Prevention Services – This amendment adds \$69,000 for the period of 07/1/25-06/30/26. These funds are used to provide Syndemic prevention services for infectious diseases (HIV, STI, and Adult Viral Hepatitis).
2. Overdose Data to Action in States – This amendment adds \$67,628 for the period of 09/01/2025 – 08/31/2026. These funds are used to cover a portion of an Overdose Response and Prevention Behavioral Health Specialist and a portion of the position's supervisor.
3. Maternal & Child Health Block Grant – This amendment adds \$25,338 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.
4. Drinking Water Group A – This amendment adds \$4,800 for the period of 01/01/25 – 12/31/27. These funds are used to support Group A drinking water systems and primarily fund the 12-13 Sanitary Surveys completed by staff each year.

Please contact Charlene Ramont, Assistant Director at 360-778-6169 (CRamont@co.whatcom.wa.us) if you have any questions.