



Memorandum

To: Whatcom County Executive Satpal Sidhu
From: Champ Thomaskutty, Director – Health and Community Services
Subject: Washington State Department of Health – 2025 - 2027 Consolidated Contract Amendment #16
Date: JULY 2, 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 \$3,521,984. Total funding for this grant is \$14,856,181 and is provided by state and federal resources. These funds are included in the 2026 budget, with exception of a new \$150,000 allocation for regional epidemiology services and coordination. The Health and Community Services Department will submit a supplemental budget request for Council appropriation consideration to access the new allocation. Council authorization is required as this is an interlocal agreement, and the grant funding received through this amendment exceeds \$40,000.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contracts**

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

1. Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) — This amendment adds \$2,818,000 for the period of 7/1/26 – 6/30/27. FPHS funds cover long-term investments in public health without increasing the burden on the County's general funds.
2. Infectious Disease Syndemic Prevention Services-SSP — This amendment adds \$69,000 for the period of 7/1/26 – 6/30/27. These funds are used to provide syndemic prevention services for infectious diseases (HIV, STI, and Adult Viral Hepatitis).
3. Office of Drinking Water – Group B Program — This amendment extends the period of performance and deliverable due date through 6/30/27. No additional funding is available for state fiscal year 2027 (7/1/26 – 6/30/27). This funding is used to provide technical assistance to support local Group B water systems throughout the year.
4. OSS LMP (On-Site Sewage Local Management Plan) Implementation — This amendment adds \$1,671 in Small On-site Management (ALEA) funding for the period of 7/1/25 – 6/30/26. OSS LMP Implementation funds are used to implement the on-site sewage local management plan through compliance with OSS inspection requirements, county-wide.
5. Recreational Shellfish Activities — This amendment adds \$8,000 for the period of 7/1/25 – 6/30/27. These funds are used to conduct biotoxin sample collection/monitoring, maintain warning signs when toxin levels are dangerous, prepare public information releases for media and social media, and for public outreach and education at community events.
6. Youth Cannabis & Commercial Tobacco Prevention Program (YCCTPP) — This amendment adds \$625,313 for the period of 1/1/2025 - 6/30/27. 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.