



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director
RE: Washington State Department of Health – 2025 - 2027 Consolidated Contract Amendment #1
DATE: FEBRUARY 12, 2025

Attached is a grant amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Health for your review and signature. This amendment includes initial funding and statements of work for programs funded by the Consolidated Contract.

▪ **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**

Total funding for this grant is \$5,265,283 and is provided by state and federal resources. These funds are included in the 2025 budget. Council authorization is required per WCC 3.08.060 as the funding included in this amendment exceeds \$40,000.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contracts**

The following programs represent a continuation of services funded under the previous 2022-2024 Consolidated Contract. This amendment includes scopes of work and funding for these programs, as follows:

1. COVID Response Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity – \$386,500 for the period of 1/1/25 – 6/30/25
These funds are used to help support salaries for personnel that work in communicable disease surveillance and investigation.
2. Public Health Emergency Preparedness – \$62,455 for the period of 1/1/25 – 6/30/25
These funds will continue to fund a) salary and benefits for planning and training the Incident Management Team, developing an emergency plan, continuity of operations plan, and workplace safety plans; b) emergency preparedness supplies; and 3) travel and registration for emergency preparedness and resiliency conferences.
3. Refugee Health Promotion – \$137,500 for the period of 1/1/25 – 9/30/26
These funds are used primarily for personnel expenses for an existing Community Health Worker and Public Health Nurse to develop a refugee health education and navigation program.
4. Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) – \$4,043,000 for the period of 1/1/25 – 6/30/25
This funding covers long-term investments in public health without increasing the burden on the County's general funds.
5. Syndemic Prevention Services – \$34,500 for the period of 1/1/25 – 6/30/25
These funds are used to provide syndemic prevention services for infectious diseases (HIV, STI, and Adult Viral Hepatitis).