

**WHATCOM COUNTY CONTRACT  
INFORMATION SHEET**

Whatcom County Contract No.  
**9909009-29**

Originating Department:	WSU Extension
Division/Program: <i>(i.e. Dept. Division and Program)</i>	
Contract or Grant Administrator:	Shawna Beese
Contractor's / Agency Name:	Washington State University

Is this a New Contract? If not, is this an Amendment or Renewal to an Existing Contract? Yes  No   
 Yes  No  If Amendment or Renewal, (per WCC 3.08.100 (a)) Original Contract #: 9909009

Does contract require Council Approval? Yes  No  If No, include WCC: 9909009  
 Already approved? Council Approved Date: AB2026-264 (Exclusions see: Whatcom County Codes 3.06.010, 3.08.090 and 3.08.100)

Is this a grant agreement? Yes  No  If yes, grantor agency contract number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ ALN: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this contract grant funded? Yes  No  If yes, Whatcom County grant contract number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Is this contract the result of a RFP or Bid process? Contract \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yes  No  If yes, RFP and Bid number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Center: 10007500

Is this agreement excluded from E-Verify? No  Yes  If no, include Attachment D Contractor Declaration form.

- If YES, indicate exclusion(s) below:
- Professional services agreement for certified/licensed professional.  Goods and services provided due to an emergency
  - Contract work is for less than \$100,000.  Contract for Commercial off the shelf items (COTS).
  - Contract work is for less than 120 days.  Work related subcontract less than \$25,000.
  - Interlocal Agreement (between Governments).  Public Works - Local Agency/Federally Funded FHWA.

Contract Amount:(sum of original contract amount and any prior amendments): \$ <u>3,825,060.90</u> This Amendment Amount: \$ <u>60,000.00</u> Total Amended Amount: \$ <u>3,885,050.90</u> Summary of Scope:	Council approval required for; all property leases, all Interlocal agreements, <b>contracts or bid awards exceeding \$75,000</b> , and <b>grants exceeding \$40,000</b> and and professional service contract amendments that have an increase greater than \$10,000 or 10% of contract amount, whichever is greater, <b>except when:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Exercising an option contained in a contract previously approved by the council.</li> <li>2. Contract is for design, construction, r-o-w acquisition, prof. services, or other capital costs approved by council in a capital budget appropriation ordinance.</li> <li>3. Bid or award is for supplies.</li> <li>4. Equipment is included in Exhibit "B" of the Budget Ordinance.</li> <li>5. Contract is for manufacturer's technical support and hardware maintenance of electronic systems and/or technical support and software maintenance from the developer of proprietary software currently used by Whatcom County.</li> </ol>
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This amendment continues the shared agent and program costs for WSU Whatcom County Extension for 2026, incorporating funds from the Whatcom County Health Department's Opioid Prevention Program.

Term of Contract: 12 months Expiration Date: December 31, 2026

Contract Routing:	1. Prepared by: <u>Shawna Beese</u>	Date: <u>March 26, 2026</u>
	2. Attorney signoff: <u>B Waldron by email</u>	Date: <u>2.20.26</u>
	3. AS Finance reviewed: <u>M Caldwell</u>	Date: <u>4.1.26</u>
	4. IT reviewed (if IT related): _____	Date: _____
	5. Contractor signed: _____	Date: _____
	6. Executive contract review: _____	Date: _____
	7. Council approved, if necessary: _____	Date: _____
	8. Executive signed: _____	Date: _____
	9. Original to Council: _____	Date: _____

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Revised Amendment No. 29  
Whatcom County Contract No. 9909009  
CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND  
WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

THIS REVISED AMENDMENT is to the Contract between Whatcom County and Washington State University dated September 22, 1999 and designated "Whatcom County Contract No.9909009". In consideration of the mutual benefits to be derived, the parties agree to the following:

Appendix A to this agreement is amended as set forth in the Revised Appendix A

Unless specifically amended by this agreement, all other terms and conditions of the original contract shall remain in full force and effect.

This Amendment takes effect: January 1, 2026, regardless of the date of signature.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Whatcom County and Washington State University have executed this Amendment on the date and year below written.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

Each person signing this Contract represents and warrants that he or she is duly authorized and has legal capacity to execute and deliver this Contract.

**CONTRACTOR:**

Washington State University

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Maria J. Hernandez  
Associate Vice President  
Office of Research Support and Operations

**WHATCOM COUNTY:**

**Approved as to form:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Prosecuting Attorney

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Date

**Approved:**

Accepted for Whatcom County:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Satpal Singh Sidhu,  
Whatcom County Executive

**CONTRACTOR INFORMATION:**

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Associate Vice President  
Office of Research Support and Operations  
Washington State University

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**INTERDEPARTMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT  
Opioid Prevention Services Agreement**

**DEPARTMENTS:**

**Whatcom County Health & Community Services    AND**  
509 Girard Street  
Bellingham, WA 98225

**WSU-Whatcom Cooperative Extension**  
600 Dupont St Suite A  
Bellingham, WA 98225

**AGREEMENT PERIODS:**

**Original:**                      08/15/2025 – 12/31/2025  
**Amendment #1:**            01/01/2026 – 12/31/2026  
**Amendment #2:**            01/01/2026 – 12/31/2026

**THE AGREEMENT IDENTIFIED HEREIN, INCLUDING ANY PREVIOUS AMENDMENTS THERETO, IS HEREBY AMENDED AS SET FORTH IN THE DESCRIPTION OF THE AMENDMENT BELOW BY MUTUAL CONSENT OF ALL PARTIES HERETO**

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**DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT:**

1. Exhibit A – Scope of Work, is attached for reference and without revision.
2. Amend Exhibit B – Compensation, to modify invoicing language to authorize reimbursement through interfund transfer.
3. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.
4. The effective start date of the amendment is 01/01/2026.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

Signed by:  
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Kimberly A. Thulin, Senior Civil Deputy Prosecutor                      Date

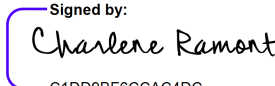
**PROGRAM APPROVAL**

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Ann Beck, Community Health & Human Services Manager                      Date

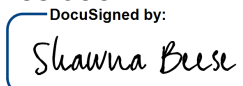
**HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES APPROVAL**

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Charlene Ramont, Assistant Director                      Date

**WSU COOPERATIVE EXTENSION APPROVAL**

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Shawna Beese, Director                      Date

## **Exhibit A**

### (Scope of Work)

#### **I. Background and Purpose**

This agreement provides funding for coalition capacity building within Whatcom County to plan and implement programs and services that are designed to reduce risk for substance use and poor mental health, while building on community resources that promote healthy children and families. The initial focus of these efforts will include rural areas, including Blaine. This agreement will coordinate community building efforts that engage stakeholders in community assessment, service planning, implementation, and evaluation that provide solutions to behavioral health needs in the areas (domains) of youth, school, family, and community. Birch Bay Blaine Thrives (Thrives) (<https://bbb-thrives.org/>) aligns with evidence-based practices, processes, and frameworks, such as Risk & Protective Factors, Communities That Care, and the Strategic Prevention Framework.

Opioids, and in particular fentanyl, are causing great harm to individuals, families, and communities throughout the nation. Whatcom County fatal overdoses increased nearly 50% from 2022 to 2023, and non-fatal overdoses have increased significantly as well. The confluence of deadly fentanyl with a lack of local treatment and recovery options has created a crisis in Whatcom County that is stretching institutions to their limit and not supporting people who are suffering from opioid use disorder. System coordination and improvement are necessary for success in addressing large scale, complex challenges like fentanyl and overdoses, requiring a grounding framework and a shared understanding among partners of the priorities for action.

Americans living in rural areas also face significant health disparities, resulting in shorter lifespans among rural citizens compared to their urban counterparts. Factors such as rurality, poverty, education, race, and community are critical determinants of longevity, with rurality identified as a particularly impactful determinant (Cosby et al., 2019). Recent statistics reveal that rural mortality rates are nearly 20% higher than urban rates, a snapshot of a more significant trend of worsening rural mortality rates (Curtin & Spencer, 2021). Loneliness and social isolation are critical yet often overlooked factors contributing to the rural-urban mortality gap.

#### **II. Scope of Work**

Whatcom County Extension will deliver the following services:

- 1) Participate in and support the coordination of the Thrives Prevention Coalition monthly meetings. Ten (10) meetings are anticipated to occur during this agreement period.
  - a) Thrives operates in part to help increase community capacity to respond to the ongoing substance use and mental health concerns, including the current opioid epidemic, by building and expanding community partnerships.
- 2) WCE employees will establish and lead a Thrives implementation resource council, named 'The BBB Collective'. The BBB Collective will meet monthly, Activities include:
  - a) Coordination and facilitation of workgroup meetings designed to accomplish identified objectives within the Blaine/Birch Bay community.
  - b) Capacity building to support prevention work including outreach, communication, and engagement with key stakeholders.
- 3) Establish and maintain at least ten (10) active community partnerships to build a hands-on team that implements the plans identified by the community with the help of The BBB Collective.
  - a) These partnerships will focus on serving as a resource council that inventories and promotes coordination of community activities/resources.
  - b) An implementation subcommittee will convene from some of these partnerships and focus on superordinate project coordination of the resource council partners, towards the goal of community prevention and skill building around implementation science principles.
- 4) Host a BBB Collective Community 'data walk' in 2026 as part of the BBB Collective workplan.
- 5) Maintain and update the Thrives online resource (shared drive) and add information for The BBB Collective, as necessary to coordinate community resources and provide project updates.

- 6) Administer the BBB Neighborhood Perspectives Survey 2026. The goals of the survey are:
  - a) To measure the current state of Neighborhood Collective Efficacy (necessary for implementation) that is composed of Social Cohesion and Informal Social Control
  - b) A survey on residents' conceptualization of their neighborhood, which includes identification of perceived risk and protective factors.
  - c) All surveys are WSU IRB-approved/exempt and administered through the WSU Qualtrics system. Recruitment is done at live events, meetings, classes, and for the Neighborhood Collective Efficacy development survey through one-time invites from stakeholders to their email listservs.
  - d) For annual surveying of future years, the focus will be determined by the BBB Collective and its partners, in service of the annual implantation goal/s of that year.
- 7) Conduct a feasibility pilot to community members by the end of November 2025 of community-delivered courses (IP of CHORDS Lab at WSU) with the goal of educating community members of the benefits of a healthy strategies and prevention science:
  - a) Courses will include *Neighboring as a Health Promotion Strategy* and Neighborhood Prevention Science Fundamentals
  - b) Events will be held in-person at a centralized community location TBD.
  - c) Participation is open to any interested community member(s).
  - d) At least six community-delivered classes will be delivered in 2026.
- 8) Promote community awareness and engagement through active participation in community events. This could include any school events or community-based events, such as the Borderite Block Party. At least four (4) community outreach events will be participated in.
- 9) Provide a progress report at the end of the period. This will include at a minimum:
  - a) Number and name of community partnerships developed
  - b) Number and name of classes delivered
  - c) Number and location/name of community and/or outreach events attended
  - d) Completed BBB Collective Implementation Plan Outline
  - e) Resource website metrics (e.g. unique visitors, resource downloads)
  - f) Written recommendation for conducting annual surveys
  - g) BBB neighborhood Perspectives Survey 2026
  - h) Number of community members who participated in the feasibility pilot
  - i) Any other relevant outputs or outcomes during the period

**Exhibit B – Amendment #2**

(Compensation)

I. **Budget & Source of Funding:** Funding for this renewal period (01/01/2026 – 12/31/2026) may not exceed \$60,000 and is provided by Opioid Settlement Funds (cost center 18598501.6610). The Whatcom Cooperative Extension will be reimbursed for expenses as follows:

Allowable Expense	Documentation Required with Invoice	Budget
<sup>1</sup> Wages, Benefits	General Ledger Detail	\$60,000
Supplies, Printing/Copying, Outreach Materials, Paid Media and Promotional Development, Facility/space rental	Copies of paid invoices or receipts. For contracted services, invoices must include rates, hours, and dates of service.	
Travel (may not exceed the current GSA rate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name of staff member</li> <li>• Date of travel</li> <li>• Starting address (including zip code) and ending address (including zip code)</li> <li>• Number of miles traveled</li> </ul>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$60,000</b>

<sup>1</sup> All costs must be directly attributable to the activities described in Exhibit A.

II. **Invoicing**

WSU-Whatcom Cooperative Extension (WCE) will invoice Whatcom County Health and Community Services (WCHCS) during the Agreement period according to the following:

1. WCE will submit interfund transfer requests within 30 days of completion of each service month. Requests shall include the documentation requirements detailed in the table above. WCHCS reserves the right to request additional information in order to determine eligible costs.
2. WCE will submit an interfund transfer request to [HL-BusinessOffice@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:HL-BusinessOffice@co.whatcom.wa.us) and [KHolley@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:KHolley@co.whatcom.wa.us).
3. Payment will be considered timely if it is made within 30 days of the receipt and acceptance of billing information. Payment may be withheld if an invoice is submitted more than 30 days after the expiration of this agreement.
4. Duplication of Billed Costs or Payments for Service: WCHCS may not be billed or pay for services performed or provided under this agreement if the services are paid by any other source, including grants, for those costs used to perform or provide the services in this agreement. CE is responsible for any audit exceptions or disallowed amounts paid as a result of this Agreement.