



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Charlene Ramont, Assistant Director
RE: Lummi Indian Business Council – Healthy Children’s Fund Innovative Services Contract
DATE: **MARCH 17, 2025**

Attached is a contract between Whatcom County and Lummi Indian Business Council for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

The services provided through this contract will increase kindergarten readiness in Whatcom County through the provision of comprehensive services for families with children ages 0-5 at the Lummi Nation’s new Health Center. Services provided through this contract will be strategically co-located with established services such as pediatric, behavioral, perinatal, WIC, nutrition, and child social work services, which will better help serve the needs of working families with children ages 0-5.

This funding supports pediatric and service providers to pilot best practices for identifying, screening, and promoting kindergarten readiness through their “Ready, Set, Grow” pilot project which will:

- Identify developmental delays
- Provide timely access to support services
- Provide resources for home-based kindergarten skill acquisition
- Provide monthly gatherings for families on topics such as early literacy, social-emotional development, language, physical development, mathematics, nutrition and dental care, cognitive skills, and preventive health care
- Provide comprehensive child health services including nutrition, dental, immunization, behavioral, and intervention therapies

This contract is awarded as a result of RFP solicitation 24-66 and aligns with the Healthy Children’s Fund Implementation Plan’s Strategy Six to support innovative approaches to meet various Healthy Children’s Fund goal related to Early Learning and Care

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$282,889, is provided by the Healthy Children’s Fund. These funds are included in the 2025 budget. Council authorization is required per WCC 3.08.100, as funding for this contract exceeds \$40,000.

Please contact Sarah Simpson, Children and Family Programs Supervisor at 360-410-2400 (SSimpson@co.whatcom.wa.us) if you have any questions.