



Memorandum

To: Whatcom County Executive Satpal Sidhu

From: Champ Thomaskutty, Director – Health and Community Services

Subject: Skagit County Public Hospital District 304 dba United General District 304 — Youth Cannabis & Commercial Tobacco Prevention Program Interlocal Agreement

Date: 7/19/2026

Attached is an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and United General District 304 (United) for your review and signature.

- **Background and Purpose**

Whatcom County receives funding from Washington State Department of Health (DOH) to serve as the lead agency for the North Sound Region Youth Cannabis and Commercial Tobacco Prevention Program (YCCTPP). The program's goal is to reduce initiation and use of cannabis and tobacco by youth, ages 12-20, in the North Sound Region serving Island, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom Counties. The purpose of this agreement is to support United General's participation in planning and engagement in youth cannabis and tobacco prevention strategies and activities.

Through this agreement, designated YCCTPP staff at United General will engage in ongoing learning on youth cannabis and commercial tobacco prevention topics and lead the implementation of the county-level YCCTPP work plan in Skagit County in collaboration with local partners such as community coalitions, schools, community organizations, and youth. United General will also lead regional YCCTPP youth engagement strategies. As outlined in Section II. of Exhibit A, activities will include involvement in a regional network, community outreach, engagement, promotion, assessment, and regional youth leadership.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for the period of 07/01/2026 – 06/30/2027, in an amount not to exceed \$79,000, is provided by the WA-DOH YCCTPP Grant. Delays in receiving notification of funding amounts for the new fiscal year from WA-DOH prevented earlier execution of this new Interlocal agreement. These funds are included in the 2026 budget. Council approval is required per RCW 39.34.030(2) for agreements between public agencies.

- **Differences from Previous Contracts**

This is a new agreement, however funding for these services has been provided through previous contracts since 2019. This agreement provides a 12-month funding period and a 15-month agreement term to account for any future delays in work plan approvals from DOH. There are no major changes from United's past agreement (WC Contract #202301023).

Please contact Amanda Burnett, Human Services Supervisor at 360-778-6069 (ABurnett@co.whatcom.wa.us) if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request.

