



## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive  
**FROM:** Erika Lautenbach, Director  
**RE:** National Service Office for Nurse-Family Partnership – Implementation Agreement  
**DATE:** October 15, 2021

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Attached is an Agreement between Whatcom County and Nurse-Family Partnership for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

Whatcom County began implementing the Nurse-Family Partnership Program in 2012 as an evidence-based model that uses home visiting nurses to support low-income, first time mothers. This contract provides funding for technical support and training. This Agreement was effective on 04/01/2021, however, delays in the review and approval process between both parties prevented the Agreement from further processing until now.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

The cost of this Agreement is expected to be \$21,024 for the 4/1/21 – 3/31/22 contract period and \$21,420 for the 4/1/22 – 3/31/23 contract period. Funding is provided by the Nurse-Family Partnership General Fund. These funds are included in the 2021 budget. Council approval is required as funding will exceed \$40,000.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contracts**

Similar agreements have been in place with this Contractor since 2012. This Agreement is different from the most recent Agreement (WC Contract #201605005) in the following ways:

1. Updated current practices.
2. Updated fee schedule from the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 contract period.
3. Updated service descriptions.
4. Incorporation of new Model Elements (key parameters of the program)

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