



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Champ Thomaskutty, Director
RE: Bellingham Food Bank – Healthy Children’s Fund Basic Needs Contract Amendment #3
DATE: MARCH 23, 2026

Attached is a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Bellingham Food Bank (BFB) for your review and signature. This amendment extends the contract for one year and updates reporting requirements. This amendment also proposes to shift 20% of the funding for this contract to support the distribution of food to eligible families.

- **Background and Purpose**

This contract provides funding for the purchase and distribution of diapers, wipes, infant formula, and food to families with children ages 0-5, who qualify as low-income, including those in underserved, marginalized, and rural communities within Whatcom County. Bellingham Food Bank’s *Infant Care Program* will utilize the Whatcom County Food Bank Network (WCFBN) to increase the availability of diapers, wipes, and infant formula to thousands of eligible families through the WCFBN’s locations throughout Whatcom County. Twenty percent of Whatcom County families with children visit the 14 Whatcom County food banks on a regular basis, making the food bank sites convenient locations to access critical infant resources.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract period (05/16/2026 – 05/15/2027), in an amount not to exceed \$636,305, is provided by the Healthy Children’s Fund. These funds are included in the 2026 budget. Council authorization is required as this amendment proposed to add distribution of products that were not authorized in the original contract.

- **Differences from Previous Contracts**

Section	Differences
Original Contract, Section 10.2, Extension	Extends contract through 05/15/2027
Original Contract, Section 40.1, Modifications	Amends Exhibits A and B to include distribution and reimbursement of food products and update reporting requirements.
Exhibit A – Scope of Work	
Exhibit B - Compensation	

Please contact Ann Beck, Community Health & Human Services Manager at 360-778-6055 (ABeck@co.whatcom.wa.us) if you have any questions.