



Health and Community Services

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Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

ECAF: 2026-1377

Motion: 26-225

Type:

- ☒ Contract
☐ Board Appt.
☐ Code Amendment
☐ Budget Action
☐ Other

Requested Handling:

- ☒ Normal
☐ Expedite
☐ Urgent

Fund Source:

- ☐ General Fund
☐ Other
☒ N/A

Executive Rec:

- ☒ Approve
☐ Do Not Approve
☐ N/A

Approved as to

Form:

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☒ N/A

Subject: Data Sharing Agreement with WA DOH to release death data

Scope: A data sharing agreement with the Washington State Department of Health will grant the Snohomish County Health Department access to information related to decedents. The information will include the decedents' names, date of birth, date of death, and residence.

The purpose of the data release is to authorize the disclosure of obituary list information to requesting entities solely for official governmental functions, including public notification of deaths and the closure or termination of records, benefits, or accounts resulting from the death of an individual.

Snohomish County will use the death data to compile and disclose a weekly death data list for qualified requestors, and to identify and conduct fatality reviews. Qualified requestors could be news media, social media, educational institutions, or individuals actively conducting research or gathering information of interest to the public. Qualified requestors will enter into a Data Sharing Agreement with Snohomish County.

This is restricted confidential information. Section II (B) of the contract describes data security policies. Data may be released to the Health Department pursuant to RCW 70.58A.520(6) and WAC 246-492-300(9)

Duration: Execution through March 31, 2029

Fiscal Impact: ☐ Current Year ☐ Multi-Year ☒ N/A

There is no exchange of funds.

Authority Granted: Motion 26-225 authorizes the Executive to sign the data sharing agreement for confidential dataset(s) between State of Washington Department of Health and Snohomish County.

Background: On May 5, 2026, Council approved Motion 26-164¹ authorizing the County Executive to sign a data sharing agreement with the Washington State Department of Health for access to RESP-NET data.

¹ [2026-0937 - Motion 26-164](#)

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On December 9, 2025, Council approved Motion 25-557² authorizing the County Executive to sign a data sharing agreement with the Washington State Department of Health for access to Overdose Fatality Review data.

Requested Action: Move to the GLS agenda for Council consideration.

² [2025-3749 - Motion 25-557](#)