



Health and Community Services

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Council Initiated:

Yes

No

ECAF: 2026-1307

Motion: 26-216

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: Long-Term Financial Consulting with Ascendient Healthcare Advisors

Scope: The Snohomish County Health Department (SCHD) is seeking to contract with Ascendient Advisors, Inc. for financial consulting. The Contractor will create an action plan that addresses the SCHD’s structural deficit and builds a resilient and financially sustainable organization positioned to meet current and future strategic operational needs, future population growth, and long-term success in improving Snohomish County’s population health outcomes, including formulating new and sustainable public health funding strategies.

The scope of contract (Schedule A) includes:

- Evaluate SCHD’s current financial condition and performance.
- Examine SCHD’s current service capacity and priorities for service delivery.
- Recommend alignment of revenue with delivery of mandated public health services and planned priorities over the next 4-6 years.
- Facilitate Workgroup and Participant engagement to develop a Strategic Funding Growth and Diversification Plan.

This contract is funded by a [Public Health Infrastructure Grant](#).

Duration: June 1, 2026, through April 30, 2027, and may be extended for up to two additional two-year extensions.

Fiscal Impact: Current Year Multi-Year N/A

Expenditures	Current Year	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
Fund 125	\$100,000					\$100,000
Totals	\$100,000	0	0	0	0	\$100,000

Revenue	Current Year	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
Fund 125	\$100,000					\$100,000
Totals	\$100,000	0	0	0	0	\$100,000

Authority Granted: Motion 26-216 authorizes the Executive to sign the agreement between Ascendient Healthcare Advisors, Inc. and Snohomish County for consulting services.

Background: In the 2025-2026 Biennial Budget, the Health Department was able to use its substantive fund balance from prior years to pay for programming. The Health Department is examining revenues and expenditures to achieve long-term fiscal sustainability.

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