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David Schumacher, Director Office of Financial Management Post Office Box 43113 Olympia, Washington 98504-3113

RE: \$28 million Transfer Request to Department of Health (DOH) for Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS)

Dear David:

The Washington State Department of Health (DOH), in concurrence with the partners of our state's governmental public health services system, requests a transfer of \$28 million in general fund-state spending authority (\$14 million in fiscal year 2022 and \$14 million in fiscal year 2023) from the Office of Financial Management to DOH for the 2021-2023 biennium.

The requirements allowing this transfer as set forth in <u>RCW 43.70.515</u> have been met. This amount shall be used to continue the existing foundational public health services (FPHS) activities started in the 2019-2021 biennium. Additional transfers shall be requested in the future as the partners finalize agreements on the use and distribution of the remainder of the \$174.8 million appropriated in Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5092, Section 721.

On May 6, 2021, the FPHS Steering Committee re-confirmed their agreement on the 2021-2023 allocation plan for \$28 million in the same manner as allocated in 2019-2021. Since the department completed a formal consultation with federally recognized sovereign Tribal nations on this allocation plan on June 26, 2019, additional consultation is not needed for these funds and allocation.

Certified Agreement

The three entities required for certification—DOH, State Board of Health, and Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials—are jointly certifying this agreement by the signatures to this letter.

DOH will contract out these funds using our normal contracting process.

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Thank you for your continued partnership to strengthen our state's foundational public health system. Please let Dr. Umair A. Shah, Secretary of Health, know if you have any questions regarding this request.

Respectfully,

Concurrence Signatures

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