



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND SERVICE  
INTEGRATION ADMINISTRATION  
UW and WSU Research Funding**

ML Request	FY16	FY17	15-17
FTE	0	0	0
GF-State	0	1,850,000	1,850,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,850,000</b>	<b>1,850,000</b>

**DECISION PACKAGE SUMMARY**

The Behavioral Health and Service Integration Administration (BHSIA), requests \$1.8 million GF-State in order to carry out the legislative intent that obligates the department to contract with the Washington State University (WSU) and the University of Washington (UW) for researching the effects of marijuana use.

**PROBLEM STATEMENT**

ESSB 6052 Sec. 208 (19) and (20) requires the DSHS to utilize federal Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG) funds to contract with UW and WSU for the research on the short and long-term effects of marijuana use.

The use of federal SABG funds for the research of marijuana is prohibited. The use of SABG funds is only to be used for the purpose of planning, carrying out, and evaluating activities to prevent and treat substance abuse and for related activities.

Funding must be directed to:

- Substance abuse prevention activities to individuals and communities impacted by substance abuse
- Substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and recovery support services to individuals and families impacted by SUDs

Targeted populations must include:

- Pregnant women and women with dependent children
- Intravenous drug users
- Tuberculosis services
- Early intervention services for HIV/AIDS
- Primary prevention services



**DSHS VISION**  
People are healthy • People are safe • People are supported • Taxpayer resources are guarded

**DSHS MISSION**  
To transform lives

**DSHS VALUES**  
Honesty and Integrity • Pursuit of Excellence • Open Communication • Diversity and Inclusion • Commitment to Service

**PROPOSED SOLUTION**

BHSIA is requesting that GF-State funds be appropriated to implement provisions of ESSB 6052 Sec. 208 (19) and (20). Otherwise, the department will not have available funding to fulfill this obligation.

**EXPECTED RESULTS**

The funding request supports the ability of the UW and WSU to conduct research on the short and long term effects of marijuana use.

**STAKEHOLDER IMPACT**

Without additional GF-State resources, DSHS will not be able to contract with UW and WSU to conduct the research.



**DSHS VISION**  
People are healthy • People are safe • People are supported • Taxpayer resources are guarded

**DSHS MISSION**  
To transform lives

**DSHS VALUES**  
Honesty and Integrity • Pursuit of Excellence • Open Communication • Diversity and Inclusion • Commitment to Service