



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Whatcom County Council

**FROM:** Tyler Schroeder, Deputy Executive  
**Through:** Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive

**RE:** CARES Act Funding– Bellingham Food Bank

**DATE:** September 22, 2020

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Enclosed is a subrecipient agreement between Whatcom County and the Bellingham Food Bank for your review and approval.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

The Bellingham Food Bank Whatcom secures and distributes food for the Bellingham Community and distributes bulk food purchases to other eight other community food banks. Food insecurity has grown substantially as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic. With the growing needs comes the strain on distribution efforts. USDA has responded to the need with additional food causing a strain on the timely distribution. Funding is to be used to ensure safe, timely and efficient food distribution to address food insecurity throughout our community.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract may not exceed \$400,000. Funds under contract are made available through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

▪ **Differences from Previous Contract**

No previous contract.

Please contact Tyler Schroeder, Deputy Executive at extension 5207 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Enclosures

