



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: North Sound Accountable Communities of Health (ACH) – COVID-19 Whatcom Unified Command (WUC) Support Services Amendment #3

DATE: June 11, 2021

Attached is a contract amendment between Whatcom County and North Sound ACH for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

The North Sound ACH has provided volunteer and strategic planning support services to Whatcom County Unified Command during the COVID-19 pandemic. ACH's staff have provided supervision of WUC's Volunteer Branch and coordinated COVID-19 modeling and strategic planning efforts between WUC and the Health Department. The purpose of this amendment is to extend the contract through September 30, 2021 and increase funding to support the extended contract period.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract period (02/01/2021 – 09/30/2021) is not to exceed \$23,000 and funding for the entire contract period (06/01/2020 – 09/30/2021) is not to exceed \$63,000. Funds under this contract are made available by grants awarded by the US Department of Treasury and subject to Section 601(a) of the Social Security Act, as amended by section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), and Title V and VI of the CARES Act, passed through the Washington State Department of Health Epidemiology & Laboratory Capacity Grants (CFDA 93.323). These funds are included in the 2021 budget. Council approval is required as additional funding increases the approved budget by more than 10%.

Please contact Erika Lautenbach, Director at 360-778-6005 (ELautenb@co.whatcom.wa.us) or Kathleen Roy, Assistant Director at 360-778-6007 (KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us), if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request.

