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**Satpal Singh Sidhu**  
County Executive

# MEMORANDUM

**To:** Whatcom County Council Members  
**From:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive *SS*  
**Subject:** CDBG Grant Application for 2020 Public Services Grant  
And CDBG Economic Opportunities Grant  
**Date:** March 2, 2020

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Once again, we have been contacted by the Opportunity Council (OC) regarding acting as the lead agency to apply for a grant from Washington State Department of Commerce – we have assisted with this grant for several years now. The 2020 Public Services (Formula) Grant supports new or expanded direct services for persons with low and moderate incomes in the Whatcom, Skagit and Island County area.

Through a subrecipient agreement with the County, OC will administer this grant and oversee the distribution of services. The public services grant amount allocated to the tri-county area is \$131,227.

I am supporting this application and recommending to the Council that it be submitted to Washington State Department of Commerce. As part of the application process, we are required to conduct a public hearing in order to receive public input on the use of CDBG funds and to inform the public on the nature of this and other CDBG funding opportunities. One other CDBG opportunity we'll be exploring is the Economic Opportunities Grant, which provides funding for up to \$500,000 for 2020.

As lead agency for the public services pass-through grant, the County Council is required to sign a Resolution in support of the application. We have drafted the Resolution per CDBG guidelines and it is included here.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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