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To: Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive

From: Sheriff Bill Elfo, Director

John Gargett, Deputy Director

Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management

Subject: Emergency Rapid Response Grant 24-62511-001-02

Funding to support essential community services and recovery assistance after a local or state

declared disaster (November 2021 flood)

Date: August 3, 2023

Enclosed is the Agreement for Services between Whatcom County and the Department of Commerce for your review and signature. This purpose of this agreement is to support the county's efforts to provide essential community services and recovery assistance following the November 2021 flood event, allowing the purchase of equipment and to fund positions that will complete Disaster Case Management and Housing Assistance.

Background and Purpose

Washington State, through its Department of Commerce, is providing up to \$1,879,999 to Whatcom County through the State Emergency Rapid Response Grant Program to support the county's efforts to provide essential community services and recovery assistance following the November 2021 state and federally declared flood disaster. Projects include: six (6) flood warning sirens; three (3) automated sandbagging machines; and supplies for six (6) response support containers.

Whatcom County Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management will administer the grant. Period of Performance: July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Funding Amount and Source

\$1,879,999 from the State of Washington, Department of Commerce Contract 24-62511-001-02.

Please contact John Gargett (778-7160) if you have any questions or concerns regarding this contract.