



MEMORANDUM

To: Whatcom County Executive Satpal Sidhu
And Whatcom County Councilmembers

From: Billie Sue Rinn, Grants Coordinator *BSR*

Subject: Washington State Military Department Grant Agreement for What-Comm

Date: July 24, 2024

Enclosed is one (1) original of a Subrecipient Agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham (What-Comm Communications) for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

The City of Bellingham's What-Comm Communication Center has been receiving State Military funding in years past to support professional development and other operational expenses. This fund source is required to be processed through the County, and will be passed on by way of Subrecipient Agreement to What-Comm. The previous contract expires in August, and this is the next round of funding for a 13 month period, in the amount of \$52,900.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

This is a pass-through grant contract and the funding will come from the Washington State Military Department. The funding for this agreement was introduced and passed in the July 2024 supplemental budget. The agreement with Washington State Military Department was approved by Council as AB2024-449 on July 9, 2024.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contract**

The funding amount increased slightly for the FY2024-25 contract from \$49,050 to \$52,900.