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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Jack Louws, County Executive  
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**FROM:** Regina A. Delahunt, Director

**RE:** City of Bellingham – GRACE Program Interlocal Agreement

**DATE:** February 21, 2019

**JACK LOUWS**  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

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Enclosed are two (2) originals of an Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County and City of Bellingham for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

This agreement establishes Whatcom County as the administrator of the Whatcom Ground-Level Response and Coordinated Engagement (GRACE) Program. Coordinated administration with the City of Bellingham is required to develop policies and procedures, direct services, and monitor successes of the GRACE Program.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

The GRACE Program start-up is largely funded with local monies from PeaceHealth, the City of Bellingham, and the County. As the GRACE Program becomes fully functioning, other sources of funding will be utilized to include Medicaid. Through this agreement, for any aspects of the GRACE Program that are not covered by other funding sources, the City of Bellingham will reimburse Whatcom County with a commitment to the GRACE Program of up to \$140,000 per year. Whatcom County has also made a financial commitment, in the amount of up to \$295,000 per year through its contract with SeaMar Community Health Center (Whatcom County Contract #201808030) to operate the GRACE Program. Council approval is required per RCW 39.34.030(2) for agreements between public agencies.

Please contact Anne Deacon at extension #6054 if you have any questions regarding this agreement.

Encl.

