



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive  
**FROM:** Erika Lautenbach, Director  
**RE:** PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center – Chestnut Building Lease Agreement  
**DATE:** March 31, 2022

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Attached is a contract between Whatcom County and PeaceHealth for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

This Agreement outlines the terms and conditions for Whatcom County's lease of PeaceHealth owned office space in Suites 1A and 1B of 800 East Chestnut Street in Bellingham. This space will be occupied by the Health Department's Response Systems Division staff.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Base rent for this Agreement is \$1/month plus \$4/SF/year (2,290SF total, \$763.33/month). Funding for this Agreement may not exceed \$9,171.96/year and is provided by the Behavioral Health Program LEAD and GRACE funds. These funds are included in the 2022 budget. Per WCC 3.08.100, Council approval is required of all real property leases.

Please contact Malora Christensen, Response Systems Division Manager at 360-778-6131 ([MChriste@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:MChriste@co.whatcom.wa.us)) or Kathleen Roy, Assistant Director at 360-778-6007 ([KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us)), if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request.

