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**MEMO**

To: Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive

From: Sheriff Bill Elfo, Director  
John Gargett, Deputy Director  
Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management

Subject: Nov-2021 Flood – Emergency Rapid Response Grant 23-61310-002  
Funding to support essential community services and recovery assistance after a local or state declared disaster (November 2021 Flood).

Date: March 29, 2023

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Enclosed is Contract 23-61310-002 between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Commerce for funding from the Washington State Department of Commerce Emergency Rapid Response Grant Program for your review and signature.

- Background and Purpose

Washington State, through its Department of Commerce, is providing up to \$4,294,850 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: integrated public alerting, warning and notification system; public safety communications network; seven (7) emergency road gates and installation; eight (8) emergency variable message signs; six (6) flood warning sirens; eight (8) automated sandbagging machines; six (6) response support containers, two (2) all weather drone; and a generator to support the Nooksack Valley School District for use as a shelter.

Whatcom County Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management will administer the grant.

Period of Performance: March 27, 2023 through June 30, 2023.

- Funding Amount and Source

\$4,294,850 from the State of Washington, DOC Contract 23-61310-002.

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

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