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SHERIFF'S OFFICE**
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal S. Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Donnell Tanksley, Sheriff *DTW*
DATE: March 14, 2025
RE: Washington State Military Department
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
FFY23 Operation Stonegarden Program (OPSG) Contract Number E25-352

Enclosed for your review and signature is one (1) original grant agreement between Whatcom County Sheriff's Office and the Washington State Military Department for FFY23 Operation Stonegarden Program (OPSG), Grant Agreement Number E25-352

• **Background and Purpose**

The Whatcom County Sheriff's Office was awarded \$214,500.00 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Operation Stonegarden Program (OPSG) for Fiscal Year 2023. This grant flows from DHS through the Washington State Military Department to Whatcom County.

The OPSG Grant Program supports enhanced cooperation and coordination among local, Tribal, territorial, State, and Federal law enforcement agencies in a joint mission to secure the borders of the United States along routes of ingress, to include travel corridors along the Canadian and international water borders.

Active participants include the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office, U.S. Border Patrol Blaine Sector, the Blaine, Everson, Lynden, and Sumas Police Departments, and Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife.

Participating agencies will not enforce Title 8 (U.S. Immigration Law).

This funding will be used for operational overtime and related mileage/fuel costs and equipment purchases which were pre-approved during the application process.

• **Funding Amount and Source**

\$214,500.00 from WA St. Military Department, Grant Agreement #E25-352. Funds originate from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, FFY23 Operation Stonegarden Program, Federal Funding Source Agreement #EMW-2023-SS-00063, CFDA#97.067-23HSGP (OPSG).

• **Differences from Previous Contract**

A increase in funding of \$20,475.00 from previous fiscal year grant.

Please contact Undersheriff Steven Harris at extension 6718 if you have any questions regarding the terms of this agreement.