



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: Northwest Workforce Council – Disaster Relief Employment Contract Amendment #1

DATE: December 30, 2020

Attached is a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Northwest Workforce Council for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

Northwest Workforce Council (NWC) provides disaster relief and humanitarian assistance employment to minimize the employment and economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. NWC certifies eligibility for services under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act COVID-19 Disaster Recovery Subsidized Employment Program and the Health Department temporarily employs eligible participants for various COVID-related positions including Nurses, Case/Contact Investigators, and testing site support staff. The purpose of this amendment is to increase the rate per participant and the total not-to-exceed amount.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

NWC will reimburse Whatcom County for the total cost of wages and fringe benefits for approximately seven participants at a rate of \$18,000 per participant, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$126,000. These funds are included in the 2020-2021 budgets. Council approval is required as additional funding exceeds 10% of the approved budget.

Please contact Kathleen Roy at extension #6007 if you have any questions regarding this agreement.

Encl.