



# MEMORANDUM

**To:** Whatcom County Executive Satpal Sidhu  
**From:** Jake Logan, Administrative Services Coordinator – Executive Staff  
**Subject:** Interlocal Grant Contract (Prime Contract in Pass-through) for What-COMM Equipment  
// (Washington State Military Department)  
**Date:** December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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## **Background and Purpose**

Whatcom County has entered into a new equipment grant agreement with the Washington State Military Department (WSMD), State 911 Coordination Office (SECO), to support 911 emergency communications infrastructure modernization. This pass-through funding mechanism assists the City of Bellingham and regional emergency response capabilities by providing state 911 excise tax reimbursement for eligible equipment and technology investments in the What-COMM emergency communications system.

## **Funding Amount and Source**

The contract amount is \$94,107 for the term July 1, 2025 through August 15, 2027. Funding is provided from the Washington State Military Department State 911 Account, authorized under RCW 38.52.510, 540, and .545 and WAC Chapter 118-66. Reimbursement is limited to actual equipment expenses incurred for 911 statewide dialing infrastructure, baseline service equipment, and capital equipment items as defined in SECO policies and the Equipment Contract Reimbursement Schedule (Attachment D of the contract).

## **Differences from Previous Contract**

This is a continuation and significant expansion of the County's annual State 911 Equipment funding. The previous contract (No. 202409040) provided \$43,747 for the performance period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025. The 2025-2027 contract increases funding to \$94,107, representing an increase of \$50,360 (115 percent). The contract term is also extended to 26 months, providing a longer performance window for equipment acquisition and installation.

Please contact Jake Logan at extension 5211 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

**Encl:** Contract No. 202512056