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MEMORANDUM

To: Whatcom County Executive Satpal Sidhu and Whatcom County Councilmembers
From: Faith Williams, Grants Coordinator
Subject: Washington State Military Department Pass-through to CoB for What-Comm
Date: June 23rd, 2026

Enclosed is one (1) original of a Subrecipient Agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham (What-Comm Communications) for your review and signature.

Background and Purpose

The City of Bellingham's What-Comm Communication Center has historically received State Military funding to support professional development and other operational expenses. This funding source is required to be processed through Whatcom County and subsequently passed on to What-Comm via a Subrecipient Agreement. The previous contract for this funding expires in August. This enclosed agreement represents the next round of funding for a 13-month period, specifically for the FY27 contract.

Funding Amount and Source

This agreement represents a pass-through grant contract, with the funding originating from the Washington State Military Department. The maximum amount allocated to the Agency for this agreement is \$93,500. Budget authority comes from SBR Supp'l ID 5480.

Differences from Previous Contract

This FY27 contract, identified as Washington State Military Department Contract Number E27-043, is similar to the prior FY26 contract. The prior contract for FY2025-26 had a funding amount of \$74,045, which was an increase from \$52,900. The current FY2026-27 contract amount is \$93,500. These increases accommodate inflation and minor shifts. There are no structural changes to the program from last year.

Please contact Faith Williams at extension 5208 if you have any questions.

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