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**Subject:** Grant Proposal from PNW Plateful

Dear Whatcom County Council Members

We are writing to you on behalf of the board of directors of a new Whatcom County not-for-profit titled "PNW Plateful." It is our hope that we may be able to partner with you to help some of our most vulnerable neighbors in Whatcom County. The request is attached below.

We are asking the Whatcom County Council to provide a multi-year grant to support our mission to nourish the most vulnerable communities in Whatcom County, one plate-full at a time. PNW Plateful quietly plays a critical role in food security for Whatcom County. Our approach is simple and direct --- getting high quality, delicious, and culturally aware pre-packaged food to hungry individuals and families. The current need in Whatcom County is staggering. With the grant we would provide quality food assistance to the three food banks in outer Whatcom County that are the most challenged in meeting the needs of their respective clientele. As have others, we have identified Foothills, Lummi and Nooksack Valley as the food banks that are working with the most significant scarcity of product and resources. The needs of our neighbors who count on these food banks are heartbreaking, and each of these food banks want our support.

Thank you for all you are doing for the people of Whatcom County and for your consideration of this grant proposal. We are contacting each of you individually to request meetings to give you specific details about our organization and our grant request.

Respectfully,

Stephanie Bowers

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