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MEMORANDUM

To: Satpal Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive
Whatcom County Council Members

From: Starck Follis, Director, Whatcom County Public Defender's Office

Subject: Contract between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Commerce, Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Fund

Date: January 6, 2021

BACKGROUND

The Whatcom County Public Defender's Office has applied for and been approved for a grant in the amount of \$238,417.00 from the Washington State Department of Commerce, Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Fund for the purpose of hiring a 1.0 FTE Deputy II attorney for a two-year period.

This attorney position will be funded 100% for a two-year period in order to assist in handling the number of deferred cases resulting from the coronavirus.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Whatcom County Public Defender's Office requests the County Executive and County Council review and approve this grant contract award in the amount of \$238,417.00.

If you have any questions about this agreement, please contact Julie Wiles at ext. 5646.