



MEMORANDUM

To: Whatcom County Executive Satpal Sidhu
From: Faith Williams, Grants Coordinator
Subject: Washington State Military Department Grant Contract for What-Comm
Date: June 23, 2026

Enclosed is one (1) original of a Grant contract between Whatcom County and the Washington State Military Department for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

The City of Bellingham's What-Comm Communication Center has been receiving State Military funding in years past to support professional development and other operational expenses. This fund source is required to be processed through the County, and will be passed on by way of Subrecipient Agreement to What-Comm. The previous contract expires in August, and this is the next round of funding for a 13-month period, in the amount of \$93,500.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

The funding for this contract will come from the Washington State Military Department and pass through via subrecipient agreement to the City of Bellingham. Budget authority comes from SBR Supp'l ID 5480.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contract**

This is the FY2026-27 contract which is similar to the FY2025-26 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 regular increases accommodate inflation and minor shifts. There are no structural changes to the program from last year.

Please contact Faith Williams at extension 5208 with any questions.