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**MEMO**

To: Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive

From: Sheriff Bill Elfo, Director  
John Gargett, Deputy Director  
Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management

Subject: 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant American Rescue Plan Act  
(21EMPG-ARPA)

Date: January 6, 2022

Enclosed is the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant American Rescue Plan Act (21EMPG-ARPA) contract between Whatcom County Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management (WCSD-DEM) and the Washington State Military Department for your review and signature.

• **Background and Purpose**

DHS/FEMA, through its 21EMPG-ARPA program, provides funds to assist local jurisdictions in preparing for all hazards through the sustainment and enhancement of local Emergency Management programs. The 21EMPG-ARPA award is \$25,325. This is a supplemental grant, separate from the annual EMPG grant.

The 21EMPG-ARPA Scope of Work includes deliverable activities routinely performed by WCSD-DEM in compliance with WAC 118-30, RCW 38.52, and Whatcom County Code 2.40. WCSD-DEM plans to utilize 21EMPG-ARPA to fund a temporary employee to support administrative projects, a contractor/consultant to assist in the development of the Wildland Fire/Urban Interface Plan, and miscellaneous supplies needed for training and exercises. The \$25,325 local match will be met with WUECC rental costs.

The performance period runs from June 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022.

• **Funding Amount and Source**

\$25,325 from the federal DHS/FEMA 21EMPG-ARPA grant, CFDA # 97.042 (21EMPG), which is passed through the Washington State Military Department.

Please contact John Gargett (360-778-7160) or Frances Burkhart (360-778-7161) if you have any questions or concerns regarding this contract.

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