



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: Sustainable Connections – Commercial Waste Reduction, Recycling and Food Waste Recovery Program Contract

DATE: May 11, 2020

Attached is a contract between Whatcom County and Sustainable Connections for your review and signature.

- **Background and Purpose**

Consistent with recommendations in the Whatcom County Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan, Whatcom County intends to contract with Sustainable Connections to implement the countywide commercial sector waste reduction, recycling, and food waste recovery program. This program provides commercial waste audits, detailed technical waste assessments, action plans, and performance evaluations for companies to effectively reduce, reuse and recycle, and to divert food waste organics from landfilling to community members experiencing food insecurity.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 for waste reduction and recycling activities and \$30,000 for food waste recovery, is provided by the Solid Waste Excise Tax. These funds are included in the 2020-2021 budgets. Council approval is required as funding exceeds \$40,000.

Please contact Kathleen Roy at extension #6007 if you have any questions regarding this agreement.

Encl.

