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To: Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive

From: Sheriff Donnell "Tank" Tanksley, Director
Holly Woll-Salkeld, Interim Deputy Director
Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management *HWS*

Subject: Emergency Rapid Response Grant 24-62511-001-02, Whatcom Contract #202308006-1
Funding to support essential community services and recovery assistance after a local or state
declared disaster (November 2021 flood)

Date: February 5, 2024

Enclosed for your review and signature is an amendment to the grant agreement for services between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Commerce. This amendment will:

- Remove \$29,391.00 of unused funding that had been allotted for two temporary recovery coordinator positions that have ended;
- Add a project for the installation of a set of emergency road gates; and
- Add a clause to allow the ownership transfer of any purchased capital equipment from the county to the local cities, which was the intention for the sandbagging machines.

- Background and Purpose

Washington State, through its Department of Commerce, is providing up to \$1,850,608 (reduced from \$1,879,999) to Whatcom County through the State Emergency Rapid Response Grant Program to support the county's efforts to provide essential community services and recovery assistance following the November 2021 state and federally declared flood disaster. Projects include: six (6) flood warning sirens; five (5) automated, and sandbagging machines, plus the installation of a set of emergency road gates that is being added with this amendment. Funding for positions: Whatcom County – One recovery manager; Whatcom Long Term Recovery Group – One client support director, one lead disaster case manager, and five disaster case managers.

Whatcom County Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management is administering the grant.
Period of Performance: July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

- Funding Amount and Source

\$1,850,608 from the State of Washington, Department of Commerce Contract 24-62511-001-02, Whatcom Contract #202308006-1.

Please contact Stephanie Webster (778-7169) if you have any questions or concerns regarding this contract.