



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive
Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors

THROUGH: Jon Hutchings, Public Works Director
Gary Stoyka, Natural Resources Manager *gss*

FROM: Chris Elder, Senior Planner *CE*

RE: Interagency Agreement with Western Washington University to utilize the Sustainable Communities Partnership program to support Climate Action policy coordination with jurisdictions within Whatcom County

DATE: April 5, 2021

Enclosed are two (2) originals of an Interagency Agreement between Whatcom County and Western Washington University.

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Council authorize the County Executive to sign the interagency agreement.

Background and Purpose

This interagency agreement will support coordination of climate change planning efforts between Whatcom County and other government entities in Whatcom County with the support of Western Washington University's Sustainable Communities Partnership Program. A graduate student lead and undergraduate students from a Land Use Planning course, under the direction of Dr. Tammi Laninga, will support improved coordination of climate action planning efforts and support the Small Cities of Whatcom County in developing climate change language to be considered for adoption in their comprehensive plans.

Funding Amount and Source

Funding is provided by a Washington Department of Commerce GMA Climate Change Planning Grant (Whatcom County Contract #202010006). These grant funds provide \$20,000 and this corresponding interagency agreement is for \$20,000. This results in net zero cost to Whatcom County.

Please contact Chris Elder at extension 6225, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.