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EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

TO: County Executive

FROM: Regina A. Delahunt, Director *RD*

RE: Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) – Building  
Community Resilience Grant

DATE: December 13, 2019

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

▪ **Background and Purpose**

Generations Forward is a community collaborative focused on improving the well-being of all children in Whatcom County for which the Health Department provides backbone support. Generations Forward was approached in the spring of 2019 to partner with DSHS and the Economic Security Administration, as part of the Governor's Poverty Reduction Plan, to participate in a year-long learning process to test out community-based solutions to improving the ease of access to services and resources. This partnership will provide financial and technical resources to support the facilitation of community-driven solutions to barriers that stand in the way of Whatcom County children and families accessing the services and resources they need, when they need it. This includes, but is not limited to, housing, childcare, behavioral support, healthcare, and living-wage jobs.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

This contract provides \$70,000 in funding between 01/01/2020 – 09/30/2020. These funds are included in the 2020 budget. Council approval is required per RCW 39.34.030(2) for agreements between public agencies.

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

Encl.

