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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: US Department of Homeland Security State Homeland Security Program Grant
Federal Fiscal Year 2022; Grant Agreement Number E23-117

Date: April 3, 2023

Enclosed is the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant agreement for Federal Fiscal Year 2022 between Whatcom County Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management and Snohomish County.

- Background and Purpose

Whatcom County Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management has been awarded \$42,081.00 from the US Dept of Homeland Security (DHS) State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) for Federal Fiscal Year 2022. This grant flows from DHS, through the Washington State Military Department and Snohomish County, to Whatcom County. Whatcom County has received an SHSP award annually since Federal Fiscal Year 2003.

DHS provides SHSP funds to support local efforts that build, sustain, and deliver core capabilities across the Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery mission areas essential to achieving the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient nation. Whatcom County will utilize these funds to support planning, training, exercise, community outreach, and equipment projects that will enhance our community's resilience in the face of acts of terrorism and other catastrophic events. The \$10,567 personnel budget will fund, in part, one of DEM's Program Specialist FTEs.

The performance period runs from September 1, 2022 through March 31, 2024.

- Funding Amount and Source

\$42,081 from Snohomish County, Grant Agreement Number # E23-117– Whatcom. Funds originate from the US Department of Homeland Security, FFY2022 State Homeland Security Program, Federal Funding Identification # EMW-2022-SS-00056, Assistance Listings # (formerly CFDA#) 97.067 – 22HSGP (SHSP).

- Difference from Previous Contract

This contract shows a decrease in funding of \$38,603 from the previous federal fiscal year award (FFY2021).

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Although Whatcom County has received an SHSP award annually since Federal Fiscal Year 2003, this is the third year that DHS has split the award between (1) the traditional Sustainment Projects and (2) the new National Priority Area Projects.

- (1) Sustainment Projects, \$29,457: Traditional SHSP funding where the recipient is given flexibility to set its own priorities within several established Sub-Project areas.
 - a. Regional Coordination, \$15,567, pp43-44: Includes funding to update operational and regional strategic plans and to coordinate between counties for preparedness, prevention, response, and recovery from terrorism and other all hazards events
 - b. EOC Technology, \$2,890, p 44: Includes funding to purchase technology for sharing information and training and to conduct training and exercises to enhance information sharing and notification.
 - c. Redundant & Survivable Communications, \$9,000, p45: Includes funding to purchase communications software, wi-fi and ET networking technology, additional HamWAN system equipment and communications supplies/tools/equipment and to conduct testing, training, and exercises to enhance effective interoperable communications.
 - d. Community, \$2,000, pp45-46: Includes funding to support community outreach and education efforts, print and translate materials, purchase supplies/tools/equipment, and conduct training and exercises to enhance community resilience.
 - e. On-Scene Security, \$12,624, p47 (counts toward the LETPA \$12,624 earmark): Includes funding to law enforcement to purchase supplies/tools/equipment and provide training to enhance officer and public safety.
- (2) National Priority Area Projects, \$0: Competitive funding awarded for pre-approved projects in four federally-determined National Priority Areas. Whatcom County did not receive any funding for any national priority area projects.

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