




## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

**FROM:** Bennett Knox, Director 

**RE:** Grant Award Contract – Van Zandt Community Hall Renovation

**DATE:** June 5, 2024

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Please find the attached grant award contract from the Washington State Department of Commerce for the renovation of the Van Zandt Community Hall.

### Background and Purpose

On July 3, 2023, the Department of Commerce notified the County that its grant application for funding under the 2024 Local and Community Projects program was approved.

This Project to renovate the Van Zandt Community Hall will include, but is not limited to, addition of a new entrance, increase storage and operating space for the local radio station by 300 square feet, restore original elements of the historic building, repair walls and ceiling, and kitchen area improvements.

The Project will serve as a benefit to the public by providing a preserved gathering place for over 1,500 residents of the South Fork Valley. The project will not only improve conditions for public events but also increase the appeal of the facility as a venue for rent for private events, the proceeds of which support the community resilience-building activities of the South Fork Valley Community Association.

### Recommendation

Approval of grant award contract.

Please note, upon council approval, the Commerce Department will route the document for final signatures via docusign.

### Funding Amount and Source

The net grant payment from the Department of Commerce is \$486,940. Whatcom County has committed \$50,000 in REET II funding towards the project. Total project value is \$536,940.