


**WHATCOM COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal S. Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Donnell Tanksley, Sheriff 

DATE: June 23, 2026

RE: Washington State Military Department
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
FFY25 Operation Stonegarden Program (OPSG) Contract Number E26-304

Enclosed for your review and signature is one (1) original grant agreement between Whatcom County Sheriff's Office and the Washington State Military Department for FFY25 Operation Stonegarden Program (OPSG), Grant Agreement Number E26-304

• **Background and Purpose**

The OPSG Grant Program supports enhanced cooperation and coordination among local, Tribal, territorial, State, and Federal law enforcement agencies in a joint mission to secure the borders of the United States along routes of ingress, to include travel corridors along the Canadian and international water borders. This funding will be used for operational overtime and related mileage/fuel costs and equipment purchases which were pre-approved during the application process.

Active participants include the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office, U.S. Border Patrol Blaine Sector, the Blaine, Everson, and Sumas Police Departments, and Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife.

Participating agencies will not enforce Title 8 (U.S. Immigration Law).

• **Funding Amount and Source**

The total revenue provided by this agreement is \$170,625.00 Funds originate from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, FFY25 Operation Stonegarden Program, Federal Funding Source Agreement #EMW-2025-SS-05030, AL#97.067-25HSGP (OPSG). These funds are included in the 2026 budget. Eligible expenses that occurred prior to the execution of this agreement are reimbursable back to the effective date of 07/01/2025.

Council authorization is required pursuant to WCC 3.06.010 for grants exceeding \$40,000 and RCW 39.34.030(2) for agreements between public agencies.

• **Differences from Previous Contract**

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This is a new agreement; however, funding for these purposes has been provided through previous agreements. This agreement includes an increase in funding of \$9,750.00 from the 2024 fiscal year grant (WC Contract #202503021).

Please contact Undersheriff Steven Harris at extension 6718 if you have any questions regarding the terms of this agreement.