

MEMORANDUM

To: Whatcom County Council Members
From: Suzanne Mildner, Grant Coordinator
Subject: CDBG Grant Application for 2020 CDBG Economic Opportunities Grant
Date: March 19, 2020

We have been contacted by the Opportunity Council (OC) regarding acting as the lead agency to apply for a new grant from Washington State Department of Commerce. Please refer to the attached letter from the Opportunity Council regarding this grant and the potential uses of the funding.

As a requirement of the State Department of Commerce CDBG Program, we are required to conduct a public hearing in order to receive public input on the use of CDBG funds and to inform the public on the nature of this and other CDBG funding opportunities. The public hearing scheduled for March 24th, 2020 provides for discussion on any/all CDBG funding opportunities, and this specialty grant is one of the opportunities available to Whatcom County. The County Executive supports this CDBG Economic Opportunities Grant, which provides funding for up to \$500,000 for 2020.

As lead agency for the public services pass-through grant, the County Council is required to sign a Resolution in support of the grant application. We have drafted the Resolution per CDBG guidelines and it is included here.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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