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To: Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive

From: Sheriff Bill Elfo, Director
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Whatcom County Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management

Subject: Dept of Homeland Security/FEMA FFY2018 Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM)
Grant Agreement, Contract # D21-008

Date: November 9, 2020

Enclosed is the FFY2018 FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grant Agreement between Whatcom County Sheriff's Office and Washington State Military Department.

- **Background and Purpose**

Whatcom County Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management has been awarded \$75,000 from the US Dept of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grant program. This grant flows from DHS/FEMA through the Washington State Military Department to Whatcom County.

As outlined in 44 CFR 201.6 – Local Mitigation Plans, the Whatcom County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan is a multi-jurisdictional local plan that summarizes Whatcom County's natural hazards, provides a risk and vulnerability assessment, and includes mitigation strategies, projects, and action plans to help reduce the impacts of natural hazards. Participating jurisdictions in the current plan (12/16/2016) include the Cities of Bellingham, Blaine, Everson, Ferndale, Lynden, Nooksack, and Sumas, Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District, Meridian School District, Port of Bellingham, Whatcom County Fire District #11, Whatcom County Flood Control District, and Whatcom County. An approved plan meets one of the eligibility requirements for these participating jurisdictions to apply for and receive funding from the Stafford Act Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant programs. Approved mitigation plans may be eligible for points under the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (CRS).

The Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan must be updated and approved by FEMA every five years. This grant provides \$75,000 in federal funding for a consultant and miscellaneous expenses to support this planning process. The \$25,000 match is met by existing budget authority.

The performance period for this grant runs from April 30, 2020 through April 1, 2022.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

\$75,000 from the DHS/FEMA FFY2018 PDM, Contract # D21-008, CFDA 97.047 PDM.

If you have questions, please contact John Gargett or Frances Burkhart at 676-6681.