



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Whatcom County Council

**FROM:** Kayla Schott-Bresler, Special Projects Manager

**RE:** Food Bank Amendment – ARPA funded

**DATE:** May 12, 2023

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Enclosed is a contract amendment between Whatcom County and the Bellingham Food Bank to increase the compensation for the purchase of bulk foods to meet the growing needs of the food insecure.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

On May 9th, the County Council agreed to award the Bellingham Food Bank an additional \$1,000,000 in American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF). This amendment extends the agreement through December 31, 2024 and increases the amount of ARPA funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 for a total of \$1,500,000 to Bellingham Food Bank. The Bellingham Food Bank serves the entire Whatcom County Food Bank Network.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract amendment is American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Consideration is increased by \$500,000 for 2023 and \$500,000 for 2024.

Please contact Kayla Schott-Bresler at extension 5209, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.