



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: Whatcom County Fire District 7 (FD7) – COVID-19 Testing Interlocal Agreement Amendment #1

DATE: December 31, 2020

Attached is an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Whatcom County Fire District 7 for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

This agreement provides funding for implementation of community-wide, low barrier COVID-19 testing by licensed FD7 medical personnel (EMTs). The purpose of this amendment is to extend the contract through 06/30/2021. With the merger between the Health Department and Whatcom Unified Command, the Health Department assumed administration of this contract on 01/01/2021, after the term of the original contract administered by the Whatcom County Sheriff's office, ended.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract varies depending on the cost and wages of staff working at testing sites, however, total funding is estimated at \$188,858 for this contract period (01/01/21 – 06/30/21) and \$314,763 for the entire contract period (09/01/2020 – 06/30/2021). Funds under this contract are made available by a grant awarded by the US Department of Treasury and subject to Section 601(a) of the Social Security Act, as amended by section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, and Title V and VI of the CARES Act, passed through the Washington State Department of Commerce Local Government Coronavirus Relief Fund (CFDA 21.016) and the Washington State Department of Health Emergency Preparedness & Response COVID-19 Local CARES (CFDA 21.019) and Epidemiology & Laboratory Capacity (CFDA 93.323) Grants. These funds are included in the 2020-2021 budgets. Council approval is required as estimated funding for the extended contract period are expected to exceed 10% of the funding spent during the original contract period.

Please contact Kathleen Roy at extension #6007 if you have any questions regarding this agreement.

Encl.