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July 1, 2026

Sent via electronic mail only

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
Whatcom County
311 Grand Avenue #108
Bellingham, WA 98225

Dear Satpal Sidhu:

I am pleased to inform you that Whatcom County is awarded a \$133,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for public services provided by Opportunity Council. Funding is contingent on the state's receipt of its 2026 annual award from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Prior to grant contract execution, this letter allows you to incur costs not to exceed ten percent of your award for eligible administrative and public services activities beginning July 1, 2026. Commerce will disburse funds for eligible costs on a *reimbursement basis only* after the grant contract is executed in August or September 2026. All costs to be reimbursed must comply with applicable state and federal requirements.

Please contact Roberta Golden at (360) 953-9069 or roberta.golden@commerce.wa.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark K. Barkley".

Mark K. Barkley
Assistant Director

cc via email: Jake Logan, Grants Coordinator, Whatcom County
Faith Williams, Grants Coordinator, Whatcom County
Lorena Shah, Assistant Director, Opportunity Council