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To: Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive

From: Sheriff Donnell "Tank" Tanksley, Director
Matthew Klein, Deputy Director
Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management

Subject: US Department of Homeland Security State Homeland Security Program Grant
Federal Fiscal Year 2024; Grant Agreement Number E25-201-Whatcom

Date: January 12, 2026

Enclosed is the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant agreement for Federal Fiscal Year 2024 between Whatcom County Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management and Snohomish County.

- Background and Purpose

Whatcom County Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management has been awarded \$47,479.00 from the US Dept of Homeland Security (DHS) State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) for Federal Fiscal Year 2024. This grant flows from DHS, through the Washington State Military Department and Snohomish County, to Whatcom County. Whatcom County has received an SHSP award annually since Federal Fiscal Year 2003.

DHS provides SHSP funds to support local efforts that build, sustain, and deliver core capabilities across the Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery mission areas essential to achieving the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient nation. Whatcom County will utilize these funds to support planning, training, exercise, community outreach, and equipment projects that will enhance our community's resilience in the face of acts of terrorism and other catastrophic events. The \$12,314 personnel budget will fund, in part, one of DEM's Program Specialist FTEs.

The performance period runs from September 1, 2024 through July 31, 2027.

- Funding Amount and Source

\$47,479 from Snohomish County, Grant Agreement Number # E25-201-Whatcom. Funds originate from the US Department of Homeland Security, FFY2024 State Homeland Security Program, Federal Funding Identification # EMW-2024-SS-05028, Assistance Listings # (formerly CFDA#) 97.067 – 24HSGP (SHSP).

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- Difference from Previous Contract

Although Whatcom County has received an SHSP award annually since Federal Fiscal Year 2003, this is the fifth year that DHS has split the award between (1) the traditional Sustainment Projects and (2) the National Priority Area Projects.

- (1) Sustainment Projects, \$47,479: Traditional SHSP funding where the recipient is given flexibility to set its own priorities within several established Sub-Project areas.
 - a. Community Resilience, \$7,967, pp 43-44: Includes funding to support community outreach and education efforts, print and translate preparedness materials, coordinate planning and template for messaging, and coordinate Public Information Officer (PIO) response with JIC and partner PIOs.
 - b. On-Scene Security, \$19,720, p 44 (counts toward the LETPA \$19,720 earmark): Includes funding to law enforcement to purchase Special Teams supplies/tools/equipment and provide training to enhance officer and public safety.
 - c. Redundant & Survivable Communications, \$7,478, pp 44-45: Includes funding to purchase communications equipment and software, wi-fi and IT networking technology, additional HamWAN system equipment and communications supplies/tools/equipment and to conduct testing, training, and exercises to enhance effective interoperable communications.
 - d. Regional Coordination, \$12,314, pp 45-46: Includes funding to coordinate the Region 1 Security Council, regional project identification, development and prioritization; prepare a Region 1 integrated preparedness plan; and collaborate with regional partners to identify and prioritize training and exercise needs.
- (2) National Priority Area Projects, \$0: Competitive funding awarded for pre-approved projects in four federally-determined National Priority Areas. Whatcom County did not receive any funding for any national priority area projects.

Please contact Matt Klein (360-778-7160) if you have any questions or concerns regarding this contract.