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## **MEMO**

To: Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive

From: Sheriff Bill Elfo, Director

John Gargett, Deputy Director

Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management

Subject: Whatcom Long Term Recovery Group Contract

November 2021 Severe Weather/Flood Disaster Case Management

Date: September 6, 2023

Enclosed is a Contract for Services between Whatcom County and the Whatcom Long Term Recovery Group (WLTRG) to provide Disaster Case Management, for those impacted by the November 2021 floods, with funding from the Washington State Department of Commerce Emergency Rapid Response Grant Program (D24-62511-001-02; contract #202308006) for your review and signature.

## Background and Purpose

In response to historic flooding, Whatcom County issued an Emergency Proclamation on November 14, 2021. The Whatcom Long Term Recovery Group will provide disaster case management to return individuals and families who have survived the flooding to a state of self-sufficiency. This will be accomplished by ensuring that each individual with disaster-related-needs has access to a case manager who will capture information about the individual's situation. The case manager will then serve as his/her advocate and help him/her organize and access disaster-related resources, human services, healthcare and mental healthcare that will help him/her achieve pre-disaster levels of functioning and equilibrium.

• Period of Performance: July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

## **Funding Amount and Source**

\$527,888 from the State of Washington, Department of Commerce Contract 24-62511-001-02; Whatcom County Contract # 202308006.

Please contact John Gargett (778-7160) if you have any questions or concerns regarding this contract.