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MEMORANDUM

To: Satpal Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive
From: Jake Logan – Administrative Services Coordinator, Executive Staff
Subject: Public Services Grant – 2025 Award and Contract Execution
Date: 10/22/2025

Enclosed is a contract with the WA State Department of Commerce which will continue the *Public Service* grant program into FY 2025-26 for your review and approval. This is Whatcom County Contract #202508022.

Background and Purpose:

Whatcom County has been awarded a \$130,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for public services, to be provided by Opportunity Council, for Grant Year 2025. This funding originates from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and is passed through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program to Whatcom County by the Washington State Department of Commerce. The grant's primary objective is to support new or increased levels of direct services to low- and moderate-income level residents. The service area encompasses non-entitlement areas of Whatcom, Island, and San Juan Counties, specifically excluding the City of Bellingham, which operates its own Public Services grant. The term of this contract is anticipated to be one year, from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, consistent with prior grant cycles. The previous iteration of this contract was 202209025.

Funding Amount and Source:

This is a \$130,000 formula grant through federal Housing & Urban Development (HUD) and passed through the State CDBG Program to the County. Funding for this grant was approved in supplemental budget request 5081 which was approved on September 23rd, 2025.

Differences from Previous Contract:

The grant amount of \$130,000 for 2025-2026 remains consistent with the 2024-2025 allocation but represents a decrease from the 2023-2024 amount of \$131,000 (Contract No. 202209025). The new prime contract number from the State Department of Commerce is 25-64210-015. All other terms, conditions, scope of work, and service delivery requirements remain consistent with prior year contracts.

Please contact Jake Logan at extension 5211 or via email at jlogan@co.whatcom.wa.us if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Encl.