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**Satpal Singh Sidhu**  
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# MEMORANDUM

**To:** Whatcom County Council Members  
**From:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive  
**Subject:** CDBG Grant Application for CV1 Covid19 Consortium Grant  
**Date:** July 28, 2020

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Whatcom County has an opportunity to join with the cities to form a consortium to receive additional Covid grant funding from the Washington State Department of Commerce. Attached are the following materials that describe this funding opportunity:

- 1) CDBG-CV1 Overview;
- 2) CDBG-CV1 Funding Distribution List, which indicates a grant for \$472,459 is available for Whatcom County as a consortium applicant, plus \$6,000 "incentive" to form the consortium;
- 3) Eligible Activities Guide

We'd like to discuss the potential uses for this grant and receive your ideas for its most optimal use. For instance, funds may be used for the current rental assistance program through partnering with Opportunity Council, or possibly for direct housing assistance through our county Health Department.

If we can identify a clear path for this grant, I recommend to the Council that an application be submitted to Washington State Department of Commerce. As part of the application process, we are required to conduct a public hearing in order to receive public input on the use of CDBG funds and to inform the public on the nature of this and other CDBG funding opportunities.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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