



MEMORANDUM

To: Whatcom County Executive Satpal Sidhu
From: Jake Logan, Administrative Services Coordinator – Executive Staff
Subject: Subrecipient Agreement for What-COMM Equipment Grant (City of Bellingham)
Date: January 16th 2026

Enclosed is the Subrecipient Agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham for pass-through funding of the What-COMM Equipment Grant from the Washington State Military Department, State 911 Coordination Office (SECO). This is Whatcom County Contract 202601019.

Background and Purpose

Whatcom County has entered into a grant agreement with the Washington State Military Department (WSMD), State 911 Coordination Office (SECO), to support 911 emergency communications infrastructure modernization. This subrecipient agreement establishes the mechanism for passing through state 911 excise tax reimbursement funds to the City of Bellingham for eligible equipment and technology investments in the What-COMM emergency communications system. The funding supports critical upgrades to 911 statewide dialing infrastructure, baseline service equipment, and capital equipment items as defined in SECO policies.

Funding Amount and Source

The total contract amount is \$94,107 for the performance period July 1, 2025 through August 15, 2027. Funding is provided entirely from the Washington State Military Department State 911 Account, authorized under RCW 38.52.510, 38.52.540, and 38.52.545, and WAC Chapter 118-66. This is a 100% state-funded reimbursement grant with no County match required. Reimbursement will be provided for actual equipment expenses incurred and approved under the Equipment Contract Reimbursement Schedule (Attachment D of the prime contract).

Differences from Previous Contract

This represents a significant expansion of the County's annual State 911 Equipment funding. The previous contract (No. 202409040) provided \$43,747 for the performance period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025. The current 2025-2027 contract increases funding to \$94,107, representing an increase of \$50,360 (115 percent). The extended contract term of 26 months provides a longer performance window for equipment acquisition and installation compared to the previous biennial structure.

Please contact Jake Logan extension 5211 if you have any questions or concerns regarding this agreement.