



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director
RE: PNW Plateful – Meal Distribution Contract
DATE: MARCH 26, 2024

Attached is a contract between Whatcom County and PNW Plateful for your review and signature.

- **Background and Purpose**

PNW Plateful will distribute a minimum of 250 ready-to-eat, nutritious meals weekly, to low-income households who are acquiring food from food banks. Funds will support operationalizing the Outer County Initiative and distributing meals to food bank clients. PNW Plateful has identified areas of the County with exceptionally high food insecurity rates and income levels at or below 300% of Federal Poverty Guidelines or 65% of the area median income: the catchment areas of the Lummi Food Bank, the Nooksack Valley Food Bank, and the Foothills Food Bank.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$115,000, is provided by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA – ALN 21.027). These funds are included in the 2024 budget. Council authorization is required as funding exceeds \$40,000.

Please contact Ann Beck, Community Health & Human Services Manager at 360-778-6055 (ABeck@co.whatcom.wa.us) if you have any questions.

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