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To: Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive

From: Sheriff Donnell "Tank" Tanksley, Director
Matt Klein, Deputy Director
Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management

Subject: State Incident 25-4783 2025 Winter Weather - Public Assistance Grant

Date: July 21, 2026

Enclosed for your review and signature is a resolution designating an authorized representative and alternate representative of Whatcom County in order to obtain federal and/or state emergency disaster assistance funds on behalf of Whatcom County.

The county was affected by winter storms in December 2025. On April 7, 2026, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) declared the incident a disaster (#DR-4906-WA). An application for Public Assistance was submitted via the Division of Emergency Management (DEM) for various departments of the county that were affected, including the Sheriff's Office, Parks, Public Works, Health Department, and the Flood District. A public assistance grant, #D26-214, between The Washington State Military Department and Whatcom County, has been approved by the Whatcom County Council. The grant requires that a Whatcom County authorized representative and alternate authorized representative be named.

The grant will be utilized to make repairs to county property damaged by the extreme weather and seek reimbursement for repair and response costs already expended. Though it is a joint application for all of the departments, each department will spend and receive funds for their individual projects. This grant includes reimbursement of management and administration costs.

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