



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Tyler Schroeder, Deputy Executive

RE: Sustainable Connections – Whatcom Housing Alliance

DATE: January 26, 2023

Enclosed is the Contract for Services between Whatcom County and Sustainable Connections for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

The contractor has received funding to support the work of the Whatcom Housing Alliance (WHA) facilitated by Sustainable Connections. The WHA is a coalition of over 40 community organizations working to improve access to affordable housing in Whatcom County. Comprised of non-profits, city and county officials, economic development groups, public health agencies, smart-growth professionals and environmental organizations to develop solutions for housing.

The WHA will provide quarterly summary reports that include identified strategies and priorities. A final report will be submitted and the WHA will present the final report and their findings to the County Council.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding in the amount of \$200,000 for this two year agreement will come from the County General Fund as approved through Ordinance 2022-070.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contract**

No substantive changes from the 2022 agreement.

Please contact Tyler Schroeder at extension 5207, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.