



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

**FROM:** Erika Lautenbach, Director

**RE:** Northwest Washington Fairgrounds & Event Center – COVID-19 Testing Site Building Rental Contract Amendment #1

**DATE:** February 5, 2021

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Attached is a contract amendment between Whatcom County and NW Washington Fairgrounds & Event Center for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

This contract provides funding for a seven day per week building rental at the Northwest Washington Fairgrounds for the purpose of serving as a COVID-19 testing site. The rental cost is \$3,000 per month with an initial deposit of \$200. The contract renews on a month-to-month basis through 11/30/2021 or until it is no longer required. The purpose of this amendment is to incorporate the Facility Rental Additional Fee Sheet indicating a cost for heating at \$1.40/therm and increase funding by \$6,000 for estimated heating expenses incurred by the County while renting the building.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract may not exceed \$45,200. Funds are made available by and are subject to Section 601(a) of the Social Security Act, as amended by section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) and Title V and VI of the CARES Act. This project was supported by a grant awarded by the US Department of the Treasury. Grant funds are administered by the Local Government Coronavirus Relief Fund thru the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) COVID-19 Local CARES (CFDA 21.019) and ELC COVID-19 (CFDA 93.323) Grants. These funds are included in the 2020 and 2021 budgets. Council approval is required as funding exceeds \$40,000.

Please contact Kathleen Roy at extension #6007 if you have any questions regarding this agreement.

Encl.