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## MEMO

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: June 16, 2026

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Enclosed for your review and signature is a Public Assistance Grant, #D26-214, between The Washington State Military Department and Whatcom County.

### Background and Purpose

The county was affected by winter storms in December 2025. On April 7, 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. This Public Assistance grant has been approved subject to the various departments submitting projects/expenses for approval to be reimbursed under the grant.

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.

### Funding

The funding authority for this grant is the Washington State Military Department and FEMA, CFDA# 97.036, Public Assistance. The performance period runs from December 5, 2025 through April 7, 2030.

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