

MEMORANDUM

TO: Whatcom County Council members

FROM: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

RE: EDI Program - Interlocal Grant Agreement with
The Port of Bellingham

DATE: July 28, 2022

Enclosed are two (2) originals of an Interlocal Grant Agreement between Whatcom County and the Port of Bellingham for your review and approval.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

In February 2022, the Council adopted the EDI Board's recommendation to provide additional funding through the EDI Program for the Port of Bellingham's Rural Broadband Construction project.

This grant agreement is being presented to you now for approval. Once approved, we respectfully request your authorization for the County Executive to execute this agreement.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

\$2,000,000.00 will be drawn from the EDI Program's grant program, which funding is derived from the Public Utilities Improvement Fund.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Enclosures