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MEMORANDUM

TO: Jack Louws, County Executive
Whatcom County Council

FROM: Tyler Schroeder, Deputy Executive *TS*

RE: Opportunity County – East Whatcom Regional Resource Center (EWRRC)

DATE: September 3, 2019

Enclosed are two (2) originals of a contract amendment between Opportunity Council and Whatcom County for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

Construction of the second EWRRC began in early 2019; a 4,900 square-foot, one-story facility for multiple community uses, including a food bank distribution center with refrigerated storage space, as well as multi-purpose meeting and activity rooms. Opportunity Council raised \$2,705,000 towards the \$2,877,000 project budget including the \$415,000 invested from County REET funds. The Opportunity Council is seeking \$172,000 in gap funding from Whatcom County to complete this second phase of the project.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding has been made available through the Real Estate Excise Tax (REET I).

▪ **Differences from Previous Contract**

Contract Amendment increases expenditure authority for the project budget.

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

Encl.