



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: Northwest Workforce Council – Disaster Relief Employment Contract

DATE: October 15, 2020

Attached is a contract between Whatcom County and Northwest Workforce Council for your review and signature.

- **Background and Purpose**

Northwest Workforce Council (NWC) provides disaster-relief and humanitarian assistance employment to minimize the employment and economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. NWC certifies eligibility for services under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act COVID-19 Disaster Recovery Subsidized Employment Program and the Health Department intends to temporarily employ eligible participants for various COVID-related positions including Nurses, Case/Contact Investigators, and testing site support staff.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

NWC will reimburse Whatcom County for the total cost of wages and fringe benefits for approximately seven participants at a rate of \$16,000 per participant, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$112,000. These funds will be included in the 2020 – 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.

