

**WHATCOM COUNTY CONTRACT  
INFORMATION SHEET**

Whatcom County Contract No.  
202101032

Originating Department: 85 Health  
 Division/Program: (i.e. Dept. Division and Program) 8550 Human Services / 855040 Housing  
 Contract or Grant Administrator: Anne Deacon  
 Contractor's / Agency Name: U.S. Department of the Treasury

Is this a New Contract?  Yes  No  If not, is this an Amendment or Renewal to an Existing Contract? Yes  No   
 If Amendment or Renewal, (per WCC 3.08.100 (a)) Original Contract #: \_\_\_\_\_

Does contract require Council Approval? Yes  No  If No, include WCC: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Already approved? Council Approved Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (Exclusions see: Whatcom County Codes 3.06.010, 3.08.090 and 3.08.100)

Is this a grant agreement? Yes  No   
 If yes, grantor agency contract number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ OMB 1505-0266 CFDA#: 21.023  
 Is this contract grant funded? Yes  No   
 If yes, Whatcom County grant contract number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Is this contract the result of a RFP or Bid process? Yes  No   
 If yes, RFP and Bid number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Contract Cost Center: 677700

Is this agreement excluded from E-Verify? No  Yes

If YES, indicate exclusion(s) below:

- Professional services agreement for certified/licensed professional.
- Contract work is for less than \$100,000.
- Contract work is for less than 120 days.
- Interlocal Agreement (between Governments).
- Contract for Commercial off the shelf items (COTS).
- Work related subcontract less than \$25,000.
- Public Works - Local Agency/Federally Funded FHWA.

Contract Amount:(sum of original contract amount and any prior amendments):  
 \$ 6,911,585  
 This Amendment Amount:  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Amended Amount:  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Council approval required for, all property leases, contracts or bid awards **exceeding \$40,000**, and professional service contract amendments that have an increase greater than \$10,000 or 10% of contract amount, whichever is greater, **except when**:

1. Exercising an option contained in a contract previously approved by the council.
2. Contract is for design, construction, r-o-w acquisition, prof. services, or other capital costs approved by council in a capital budget appropriation ordinance.
3. Bid or award is for supplies.
4. Equipment is included in Exhibit "B" of the Budget Ordinance
5. Contract is for manufacturer's technical support and hardware maintenance of electronic systems and/or technical support and software maintenance from the developer of proprietary software currently used by Whatcom County.

Summary of Scope: This grant provides COVID-related emergency rental and housing assistance to Whatcom County.

Term of Contract: 1 Year Expiration Date: 12/31/2021

Contract Routing:	1. Prepared by:	JT	Date:	01/21/2021
	2. Health Budget Approval:	KR/JG	Date:	01/22/2021
	3. Attorney signoff:	RB	Date:	01/25/2021
	4. AS Finance reviewed:	M Caldwell	Date:	01/22/2021
	5. IT reviewed (if IT related):		Date:	
	6. Contractor approved:		Date:	
	7. Submitted to Exec.:		Date:	
	8. Council approved (if necessary):	AB2021-080	Date:	2-9-2021
	9. Executive signed:		Date:	01-08-2021
	10. Original to Council:		Date:	2-11-2021



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

**FROM:** Erika Lautenbach, Director

**RE:** U.S. Department of the Treasury – COVID19 Emergency Rental Assistance Grant

**DATE:** January 25, 2021

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Attached is a contract between Whatcom County and the U.S. Department of the Treasury for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

Congressional leaders have executed an emergency COVID-19 relief bill that includes emergency rental assistance grants to U.S. territories, tribal communities, states, and cities. This bill provides financial assistance for back and forward rent and utility payments and other housing expenses. Whatcom County has received an allocation of this grant which will provide assistance to local residents through 12/31/2021.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

This grant provides \$6,911,585 in funding directly from the U.S. Department of Treasury. These funds will be included in the 2021 budget. Council approval is required per RCW 39.34.030(2) for agreements between public agencies.

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

Encl.



OMB Approved No.: 1505-0266  
Expiration Date: 7/31/21

WHATCOM COUNTY  
CONTRACT NO.  
202101032

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE

Recipient name and address: Whatcom County Health Department 509 Girard Street Bellingham, WA 98225	DUNS Number: <b>06-004-4641</b> Taxpayer Identification Number: <b>91-6001383</b>
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Section 501(a) of Division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Pub. L. No. 116-260 (Dec. 27, 2020) authorizes the Department of the Treasury ("Treasury") to make payments to certain recipients to be used to provide emergency rental assistance.

Recipient hereby agrees, as a condition to receiving such payment from Treasury, to the terms attached hereto.



Satpal Singh Sidhu  
County Executive

Authorized Representative: Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive

Title: *[To be signed by chief executive officer if recipient is a local government.]*

Date signed: 1/08/2021

DEPARTMENT APPROVAL

*Erika Lautenbach*

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Erika Lautenbach, Director

01/21/2021

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Approved by email RB/JT

01/25/2021

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Royce Buckingham, Prosecuting Attorney

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE

1. Use of Funds. Recipient understands and agrees that the funds disbursed under this award may only be used for the purposes set forth in Section 501 of Division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Pub. L. No. 116-260 (Dec. 27, 2020) (referred to herein as "Section 501").
2. Repayment and reallocation of funds.
  - a. Recipient agrees to repay excess funds to Treasury in the amount as may be determined by Treasury pursuant to Section 501(d). Such repayment shall be made in the manner and by the date, which shall be no sooner than September 30, 2021, as may be set by Treasury.
  - b. The reallocation of funds provided by Section 501(d) shall be determined by Treasury and shall be subject to the availability of funds at such time.
3. Availability of funds.
  - a. Recipient acknowledges that, pursuant to Section 501(e), funds provided under this award shall remain available only through December 31, 2021, unless, in the case of a reallocation made by Treasury pursuant to section 501(d), Recipient requests and receives from Treasury an extension of up to 90 days.
  - b. Any such requests for extension shall be provided in the form and shall include such information as Treasury may require.
  - c. Amounts not expended by Recipient in accordance with Section 501 shall be repaid to Treasury in the manner specified by Treasury.
4. Administrative costs.
  - a. Administrative expenses of Recipient may be treated as direct costs, but Recipient may not cover indirect costs using the funds provided in this award, and Recipient may not apply its negotiated indirect cost rate to this award.
  - b. The sum of the amount of the award expended on housing stability services described in Section 501(c)(3) and the amount of the award expended on administrative expenses described in Section 501(c)(5) may not exceed 10 percent of the total award.
5. Reporting.
  - a. Recipient agrees to comply with any reporting obligations established by Treasury, including the Treasury Office of Inspector General, as relates to this award, including but not limited to: (i) reporting of information to be used by Treasury to comply with its public reporting obligations under section 501(g) and (ii) any reporting to Treasury and the Pandemic Response Accountability Committee that may be required pursuant to section 15011(b)(2) of Division B of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Pub. L. No. 116-136), as amended by Section 801 of Division O of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Pub. L. No. 116-260). Recipient acknowledges that any such information required to be reported pursuant to this section may be publicly disclosed.
  - b. Recipient agrees to establish data privacy and security requirements as required by Section 501(g)(4).

6. Maintenance of and Access to Records
  - a. Recipient shall maintain records and financial documents sufficient to support compliance with Section 501(c) regarding the eligible uses of funds.
  - b. The Treasury Office of Inspector General and the Government Accountability Office, or their authorized representatives, shall have the right of access to records (electronic and otherwise) of Recipient in order to conduct audits or other investigations.
  - c. Records shall be maintained by Recipient for a period of five (5) years after all funds have been expended or returned to Treasury.
7. Cost Sharing. Cost sharing or matching funds are not required to be provided by Recipient.
8. Compliance with Applicable Law and Regulations.
  - a. Recipient agrees to comply with the requirements of Section 501 and Treasury interpretive guidance regarding such requirements. Recipient also agrees to comply with all other applicable federal statutes, regulations, and executive orders, and Recipient shall provide for such compliance in any agreements it enters into with other parties relating to this award.
  - b. Federal regulations applicable to this award include, without limitation, the following:
    - i. Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, other than such provisions as Treasury may determine are inapplicable to this Award and subject to such exceptions as may be otherwise provided by Treasury. Subpart F – Audit Requirements of the Uniform Guidance, implementing the Single Audit Act, shall apply to this award.
    - ii. Universal Identifier and System for Award Management (SAM), 2 C.F.R. Part 25 and pursuant to which the award term set forth in Appendix A to 2 C.F.R. Part 25 is hereby incorporated by reference.
    - iii. Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information, 2 C.F.R. Part 170, pursuant to which the award term set forth in Appendix A to 2 C.F.R. Part 170 is hereby incorporated by reference.
    - iv. OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement), 2 C.F.R. Part 180 (including the requirement to include a term or condition in all lower tier covered transactions (contracts and subcontracts described in 2 C.F.R. Part 180, subpart B) that the award is subject to 2 C.F.R. Part 180 and Treasury's implementing regulation at 31 C.F.R. Part 19.
    - v. Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters, pursuant to which the award term set forth in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix XII to Part 200 is hereby incorporated by reference.
    - vi. Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace, 31 C.F.R. Part 20.
    - vii. New Restrictions on Lobbying, 31 C.F.R. Part 21.

- c. Statutes and regulations prohibiting discrimination applicable to this award, include, without limitation, the following:
- i. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d et seq.) and Treasury's implementing regulations at 31 C.F.R. Part 22, which prohibit discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin under programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance;
  - ii. The Fair Housing Act, Title VIII-IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, familial status, or disability;
  - iii. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap under any program or activity receiving or benefitting from federal assistance;
  - iv. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 6101 et seq.) and Treasury's implementing regulations at 31 C.F.R. Part 23, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance; and
  - v. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability under programs, activities, and services provided or made available by state and local governments or instrumentalities or agencies thereto.
9. False Statements. Recipient understands that false statements or claims made in connection with this award may result in fines, imprisonment, debarment from participating in federal awards or contracts, and/or any other remedy available by law.
10. Publications. Any publications produced with funds from this award must display the following language: "This project [is being] [was] supported, in whole or in part, by federal award number [enter project FAIN] awarded to [name of Recipient] by the U.S. Department of the Treasury."
11. Debts Owed the Federal Government.
- a. Any funds paid to Recipient (1) in excess of the amount to which Recipient is finally determined to be authorized to retain under the terms of this award; (2) that are determined by the Treasury Office of Inspector General to have been misused; or (3) that are not repaid by Recipient as may be required by Treasury pursuant to Section 501(d) shall constitute a debt to the federal government.
  - b. Any debts determined to be owed the federal government must be paid promptly by Recipient. A debt is delinquent if it has not been paid by the date specified in Treasury's initial written demand for payment, unless other satisfactory arrangements have been made. Interest, penalties, and administrative charges shall be charged on delinquent debts in accordance with 31 U.S.C. § 3717 and 31 C.F.R. § 901.9. Treasury will refer any debt that is more than 180 days delinquent to Treasury's Bureau of the Fiscal Service for debt collection services.
  - c. Penalties on any debts shall accrue at a rate of not more than 6 percent per year or such other higher rate as authorized by law. Administrative charges, that is, the costs of processing and handling a delinquent debt, shall be determined by Treasury.

- d. Funds for payment of a debt must not come from other federally sponsored programs.

12. Disclaimer.

- a. The United States expressly disclaims any and all responsibility or liability to Recipient or third persons for the actions of Recipient or third persons resulting in death, bodily injury, property damages, or any other losses resulting in any way from the performance of this award or any other losses resulting in any way from the performance of this award or any contract, or subcontract under this award.
- b. The acceptance of this award by Recipient does not in any way constitute an agency relationship between the United States and Recipient.

13. Protections for Whistleblowers.

- a. In accordance with 41 U.S.C. § 4712, Recipient may not discharge, demote, or otherwise discriminate against an employee as a reprisal for disclosing information to any of the list of persons or entities provided below that the employee reasonably believes is evidence of gross mismanagement of a federal contract or grant, a gross waste of federal funds, an abuse of authority relating to a federal contract or grant, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a federal contract (including the competition for or negotiation of a contract) or grant.
- b. The list of persons and entities referenced in the paragraph above includes the following:
  - i. A member of Congress or a representative of a committee of Congress;
  - ii. An Inspector General;
  - iii. The Government Accountability Office;
  - iv. A Treasury employee responsible for contract or grant oversight or management;
  - v. An authorized official of the Department of Justice or other law enforcement agency;
  - vi. A court or grand jury; and/or
  - vii. A management official or other employee of Recipient, contractor, or subcontractor who has the responsibility to investigate, discover, or address misconduct.
- c. Recipient shall inform its employees in writing of the rights and remedies provided under this section, in the predominant native language of the workforce.

14. Increasing Seat Belt Use in the United States. Pursuant to Executive Order 13043, 62 FR 19217 (April 8, 1997), Recipient should and should encourage its contractors to adopt and enforce on-the-job seat belt policies and programs for their employees when operating company-owned, rented or personally owned vehicles.

15. Reducing Text Messaging While Driving. Pursuant to Executive Order 13513, Recipient should encourage its employees, subrecipients, and contractors to adopt and enforce policies that ban text messaging while driving, and Recipient should establish workplace safety policies to decrease accidents caused by distracted drivers.



DEPARTMENT APPROVAL

*Erika Lautenbach*

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Erika Lautenbach, Director

01/21/2021

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Date

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Approved by email RB/JT

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Royce Buckingham, Prosecuting Attorney      Date