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**Satpal Singh Sidhu**  
County Executive

# MEMORANDUM

**To:** Whatcom County Council Members  
**From:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive *Satpal*  
**Through:** Tyler Schroeder, Deputy Executive *TS*  
**Subject:** CDBG Grant Application for 2021 Public Services Grant  
And CDBG public hearing requirement  
**Date:** April 9, 2021

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Once again, Whatcom County is partnering with Opportunity Council (OC) to access an available grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce. The 2021 Public Services (Formula) Grant supports new or expanded direct services for persons with low and moderate incomes in the Whatcom, Skagit and Island County area.

Through a subrecipient agreement with the County, OC will administer this grant and oversee the distribution of services. The public services grant amount allocated to the tri-county area is \$129,400.00 – see attached budget and description of services.

I am supporting this application and recommending to the Council that it be submitted to Washington State Department of Commerce. As part of the application process, we are required to conduct a public hearing in order to receive public input on the use of CDBG funds and to inform the public on the nature of this and other CDBG funding opportunities. Additionally, the public hearing serves as an opportunity for citizens to comment on another CDBG grant which is closing out: the 2017 housing rehabilitation program through Opportunity Council (\$500,000).

As lead agency for the public services pass-through grant, the County Council is required to sign a Resolution in support of the new grant application. We have drafted the Resolution per CDBG guidelines and it is included here.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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