



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Whatcom County Council

**FROM:** Tyler Schroeder, Deputy Executive  
**Through:** Ann Beck, Human Services Supervisor  
Jennifer Moon, Program Specialist

**RE:** City of Bellingham – Reading Communications Cost Sharing

**DATE:** August 27, 2021

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Attached is an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and City of Bellingham for your review and signature.

- **Background and Purpose**  
This contract provides funding for Reading Communications to work in partnership with City of Bellingham, Whatcom County and local community organizations to gather information, develop a communications strategy and create a resource toolkit to be used, as needed to inform and mobilize the community about the challenges and solutions to ending homelessness in Whatcom County.
- **Funding Amount and Source**  
This contract provides shared funding between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham. Whatcom County will use some of the remaining COVID-19 funds available. These funds are included in the 2021 budget. Council approval is required per RCW 39.34.030(2) for agreements between public agencies.
- **Differences from Previous Agreement**  
This is a new agreement. Funding to support the Reading Communications agreement will be shared between Whatcom County's residual COVID-19 funding and the City of Bellingham.

Please contact Kathleen Roy at extension #6007 or Tyler Schroeder at X5207 if you have any questions regarding this agreement.

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