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## **WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL**

# **AGENDA REVISION FOR JUNE 22, 2010**

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### **PLEASE ADD TO COUNCIL, OTHER ITEMS:**

5. Request approval to send a letter in support of the Opportunity Council's application for a housing preservation grant, in an amount up to \$100,000 (AB2010-027) (attached)

June 22, 2010

Mr. Bill Kirkwood  
Multi Family Housing Specialist  
Washington State Office  
1835 Black Lake Blvd., SW, Suite B  
Olympia, WA 98512

Dear Mr. Kirkwood:

It is our understanding that the Opportunity Council, the local Community Action Agency serving Island, San Juan and Whatcom Counties has applied to the United States Department of Agriculture for a Housing Preservation Grant, in an amount up to \$100,000.

If received, the funding would be used to repair and rehabilitate homes for low-income rural homeowners in Island, San Juan and Whatcom Counties. These funds are combined with weatherization funds, and help assure that housing is safer and has increased energy efficiency. It is estimated that up to 35 homeowners would be assisted with these funds, depending on the amount of funds received.

The Opportunity Council has been a recipient of this grant in previous years. The Opportunity Council has an outstanding 'track record' locally in administering these dollars with efficiency and cost-effectiveness, ensuring that there is maximum community benefit for grant monies received.

We support the Opportunity Council's application, and respectfully request your consideration to allocate to them any potential grant dollars that are available.

Sincerely,

Sam Crawford  
Chair, Whatcom County Council