



MEMORANDUM

TO: Jack Louws, County Executive
FROM: Regina A. Delahunt, Director
RE: Washington State Department of Commerce –
Consolidated Homeless Grant
DATE: July 8, 2019

Enclosed are two (2) originals of an Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Commerce for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

The Consolidated Homeless Grant (CHG) provides resources to obtain and maintain housing stability to people who are experiencing homelessness. This grant supports the priorities outlined in the Whatcom County Plan to End Homelessness. Funding provided by this grant is passed through to partner agencies including Lydia Place, Northwest Youth Services and the Opportunity Council for distribution to eligible people.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

This contract includes \$4,257,257 in funding for the 2019 – 2021 biennium. Council approval is required per RCW 39.34.030(2) for agreements between public agencies.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contracts**

This agreement provides an increase in funding of \$997,522 to serve approximately 40 additional households with Housing and Essential Needs and utility assistance and approximately 10 families with children experiencing chronic homelessness, over the biennium.

Please contact Barbara Johnson-Vinna at extension #6046 if you have any questions regarding this agreement.

