



Grant Agreement with

Whatcom County

through

Community Services Division, Special Initiatives Unit

**Grant Number:
24-33722-005**

**Grants to Counties to Stabilize New Refugees including those from
Ukraine and Afghanistan**

Dated: Saturday, July 1, 2023

Face Sheet

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1. Grantee Whatcom County 311 Grand Ave Bellingham WA 98225		2. Grantee Doing Business As (as applicable) 		
3. Grantee Representative Jed Holmes PIO & Community Outreach Facilitator 360-778-5209 JHolmes@co.whatcom.wa.us		4. COMMERCE Representative Michelle Griffin Program Manager 360-584-3437 michelle.griffin@commerce.wa.gov		
5. Grant Amount \$300,000	6. Funding Source Federal: <input type="checkbox"/> State: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> N/A: <input type="checkbox"/>	7. Start Date 7/01/2023	8. End Date 6/30/2025	
9. Federal Funds (as applicable) N/A		Federal Agency: N/A		ALN N/A
10. Tax ID # 916001383	11. SWV # SWV 0002425.09	12. UBI # 371010246	13. UEI # NT6RMN8THTN7	
14. Grant Purpose A grant to stabilize new refugees by providing emergency social services including arrivals from recent Ukraine and Afghanistan conflicts.				
COMMERCE, defined as the Department of Commerce, and the Grantee, as defined above, acknowledge and accept the terms of this Grant and attachments and have executed this Grant on the date below to start as of the date and year referenced above. The rights and obligations of both parties to this Grant are governed by this Grant and the following other documents incorporated by reference: Grant Terms and Conditions including Attachment "A" – Scope of Work, Attachment "B" – Budget, Attachment "C" – Application.				
FOR GRANTEE <hr/> Satpal Sidhu, County Executive Whatcom County <hr/> Signature <hr/> Date		FOR COMMERCE <hr/> Cindy Guertin-Anderson, Assistant Director Community Services Division <hr/> Date APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY BY ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL APPROVAL ON FILE		

Special Terms and Conditions

1. GRANT MANAGEMENT

The Representative for each of the parties shall be responsible for and shall be the contact person for all communications and billings regarding the performance of this Grant.

The Representative for COMMERCE and their contact information are identified on the Face Sheet of this Grant.

The Representative for the Grantee and their contact information are identified on the Face Sheet of this Grant.

2. COMPENSATION

COMMERCE shall pay an amount not to exceed that of the Face Sheet and Budget for the performance of all things necessary for or incidental to the performance of work as set forth in the Scope of Work and Application. Grantee's compensation for services rendered shall be based on the following rates or in accordance with the following terms:

EXPENSES

Grantee shall receive reimbursement for travel and other expenses as identified in the Scope of Work and Budget or as authorized in advance by COMMERCE as reimbursable. The maximum amount to be paid to the Grantee for authorized expenses shall not exceed that of the Face Sheet and Budget.

Such expenses may include airfare (economy or coach class only), other transportation expenses, and lodging and subsistence necessary during periods of required travel. Grantee shall receive compensation for travel expenses at current state travel reimbursement rates.

3. BILLING PROCEDURES AND PAYMENT

COMMERCE will pay Grantee upon acceptance of services provided and receipt of properly completed invoices, which shall be submitted to the Representative for COMMERCE via the Commerce Grants Management System monthly.

The invoices shall describe and document, to COMMERCE's satisfaction, a description of the work performed and associated fees. If expenses are invoiced, provide a detailed breakdown of each type. Commerce may require that a receipt must accompany any single expenses in the amount of \$50.00 or more in order to receive reimbursement.

Payment shall be considered timely if made by COMMERCE within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of properly completed invoices. Payment shall be sent to the address designated by the Grantee.

COMMERCE may, in its sole discretion, terminate the Grant or withhold payments claimed by the Grantee for services rendered if the Grantee fails to satisfactorily comply with any term or condition of this Grant.

No payments in advance or in anticipation of services or supplies to be provided under this Agreement shall be made by COMMERCE.

Invoice due dates and End of Fiscal Year

Invoices are due on the 20th of the month following the provision of services.

Final invoices for a state fiscal year are due July 15.

The Grantee must invoice for all expenses from the beginning of the Grant through June 30, regardless of the Grant start and end date.

Duplication of Billed Costs

The Grantee shall not bill COMMERCE for services performed under this Agreement, and COMMERCE shall not pay the Grantee, if the Grantee is entitled to payment or has been or will be paid by any other source, including grants, for that service.

Disallowed Costs

The Grantee is responsible for any audit exceptions or disallowed costs incurred by its own organization or that of its subgrantees.

COMMERCE may, in its sole discretion, withhold ten percent (10%) from each payment until acceptance by COMMERCE of the final report (or completion of the project, etc.).

4. SUBGRANTEE DATA COLLECTION

Grantee will submit reports, in a form and format to be provided by Commerce and at intervals as agreed by the parties, regarding work under this Grant performed by subgrantees and the portion of Grant funds expended for work performed by subgrantees, including but not necessarily limited to minority-owned, woman-owned, and veteran-owned business subgrantees. "Subgrantees" shall mean subgrantees of any tier.

5. INSURANCE

The Grantee shall provide insurance coverage as set out in this section. The intent of the required insurance is to protect the state should there be any claims, suits, actions, costs, damages or expenses arising from any loss, or negligent or intentional act or omission of the Grantee or Subgrantee, or agents of either, while performing under the terms of this Grant. Failure to maintain the required insurance coverage may result in termination of this Grant.

The insurance required shall be issued by an insurance company authorized to do business within the state of Washington. Except for Professional Liability or Errors and Omissions Insurance, the insurance shall name the state of Washington, its agents, officers, and employees as additional insureds under the insurance policy. All policies shall be primary to any other valid and collectable insurance. The Grantee shall provide COMMERCE thirty (30) calendar days' advance notice of any insurance cancellation, non-renewal or modification.

The Grantee shall submit to COMMERCE within fifteen (15) calendar days of a written request by COMMERCE, a certificate of insurance which outlines the coverage and limits defined in this insurance section. During the term of the Grant, if required or requested, the Grantee shall submit renewal certificates not less than thirty (30) calendar days prior to expiration of each policy required under this section.

The Grantee shall provide, at COMMERCE's request, copies of insurance instruments or certifications from the insurance issuing agency. The copies or certifications shall show the insurance coverage, the designated beneficiary, who is covered, the amounts, the period of coverage, and that COMMERCE will be provided thirty (30) days' advance written notice of cancellation.

The Grantee shall provide insurance coverage that shall be maintained in full force and effect during the term of this Grant, as follows:

Commercial General Liability Insurance Policy. Provide a Commercial General Liability Insurance Policy, including contractual liability, written on an occurrence basis, in adequate quantity to protect against legal liability arising out of Grant activity but no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence. Additionally, the Grantee is responsible for ensuring that any Subgrantees provide adequate

insurance coverage for the activities arising out of subgrants.

Automobile Liability. In the event that performance pursuant to this Grant involves the use of vehicles, owned or operated by the Grantee or its Subgrantee, automobile liability insurance shall be required. The minimum limit for automobile liability is \$1,000,000 per occurrence, using a Combined Single Limit for bodily injury and property damage.

Professional Liability, Errors and Omissions Insurance. The Grantee shall maintain Professional Liability or Errors and Omissions Insurance. The Grantee shall maintain minimum limits of no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence to cover all activities by the Grantee and licensed staff employed or under Grant to the Grantee. The state of Washington, its agents, officers, and employees need not be named as additional insureds under this policy.

Fidelity Insurance. Every officer, director, employee, or agent who is authorized to act on behalf of the Grantee for the purpose of receiving or depositing funds into program accounts or issuing financial documents, checks, or other instruments of payment for program costs shall be insured to provide protection against loss:

- A. The amount of fidelity coverage secured pursuant to this Grant shall be \$100,000 or the highest of planned reimbursement for the Grant period, whichever is lowest. Fidelity insurance secured pursuant to this paragraph shall name COMMERCE as beneficiary.
- B. Subgrantees that receive \$10,000 or more per year in funding through this Grant shall secure fidelity insurance as noted above. Fidelity insurance secured by Subgrantees pursuant to this paragraph shall name the Grantee as beneficiary.

6. FRAUD AND OTHER LOSS REPORTING

Grantee shall report in writing all known or suspected fraud or other loss of any funds or other property furnished under this Contract immediately or as soon as practicable to the Commerce Representative identified on the Face Sheet.

7. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

In the event of an inconsistency in this Grant, the inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order:

- Applicable federal and state of Washington statutes and regulations
- Special Terms and Conditions
- General Terms and Conditions
- Attachment A – Scope of Work
- Attachment B – Budget

General Terms and Conditions

1. DEFINITIONS

As used throughout this Grant, the following terms shall have the meaning set forth below:

- A. "Authorized Representative" shall mean the Director and/or the designee authorized in writing to act on the Director's behalf.
- B. "COMMERCE" shall mean the Washington Department of Commerce.
- C. "Grant" or "Agreement" or "Contract" means the entire written agreement between COMMERCE and the Grantee, including any Exhibits, documents, or materials incorporated by reference. E-mail or Facsimile transmission of a signed copy of this Grant shall be the same as delivery of an original.
- D. "Grantee" or "Contractor" shall mean the entity identified on the face sheet performing service(s) under this Grant, and shall include all employees and agents of the Grantee.
- E. "Personal Information" shall mean information identifiable to any person, including, but not limited to, information that relates to a person's name, health, finances, education, business, use or receipt of governmental services or other activities, addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers, driver license numbers, other identifying numbers, and any financial identifiers, and "Protected Health Information" under the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).
- F. "State" shall mean the state of Washington.
- G. "Subgrantee/subcontractor" shall mean one not in the employment of the Grantee, who is performing all or part of those services under this Grant under a separate Grant with the Grantee. The terms "subgrantee" and "subcontractor" mean subgrantee/subcontractor(s) in any tier.
- H. "Subrecipient" shall mean a non-federal entity that expends federal awards received from a pass-through entity to carry out a federal program, but does not include an individual that is a beneficiary of such a program. It also excludes vendors that receive federal funds in exchange for goods and/or services in the course of normal trade or commerce.
- I. "Vendor" is an entity that agrees to provide the amount and kind of services requested by COMMERCE; provides services under the grant only to those beneficiaries individually determined to be eligible by COMMERCE and, provides services on a fee-for-service or per-unit basis with contractual penalties if the entity fails to meet program performance standards.

2. ACCESS TO DATA

In compliance with RCW 39.26.180, the Grantee shall provide access to data generated under this Grant to COMMERCE, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee, and the Office of the State Auditor at no additional cost. This includes access to all information that supports the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Grantee's reports, including computer models and the methodology for those models.

3. ADVANCE PAYMENTS PROHIBITED

No payments in advance of or in anticipation of goods or services to be provided under this Grant shall be made by COMMERCE.

4. **ALL WRITINGS CONTAINED HEREIN**

This Grant contains all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties. No other understandings, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Grant shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the parties hereto.

5. **AMENDMENTS**

This Grant may be amended by mutual agreement of the parties. Such amendments shall not be binding unless they are in writing and signed by personnel authorized to bind each of the parties.

6. **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) OF 1990, PUBLIC LAW 101-336, also referred to as the "ADA" 28 CFR Part 35**

The Grantee must comply with the ADA, which provides comprehensive civil rights protection to individuals with disabilities in the areas of employment, public accommodations, state and local government services, and telecommunications.

7. **ASSIGNMENT**

Neither this Grant, nor any claim arising under this Grant, shall be transferred or assigned by the Grantee without prior written consent of COMMERCE.

8. **ATTORNEYS' FEES**

Unless expressly permitted under another provision of the Grant, in the event of litigation or other action brought to enforce Grant terms, each party agrees to bear its own attorneys' fees and costs.

9. **CONFIDENTIALITY/SAFEGUARDING OF INFORMATION**

A. "Confidential Information" as used in this section includes:

- i. All material provided to the Grantee by COMMERCE that is designated as "confidential" by COMMERCE;
- ii. All material produced by the Grantee that is designated as "confidential" by COMMERCE; and
- iii. All Personal Information in the possession of the Grantee that may not be disclosed under state or federal law.

B. The Grantee shall comply with all state and federal laws related to the use, sharing, transfer, sale, or disclosure of Confidential Information. The Grantee shall use Confidential Information solely for the purposes of this Grant and shall not use, share, transfer, sell or disclose any Confidential Information to any third party except with the prior written consent of COMMERCE or as may be required by law. The Grantee shall take all necessary steps to assure that Confidential Information is safeguarded to prevent unauthorized use, sharing, transfer, sale or disclosure of Confidential Information or violation of any state or federal laws related thereto. Upon request, the Grantee shall provide COMMERCE with its policies and procedures on confidentiality. COMMERCE may require changes to such policies and procedures as they apply to this Grant whenever COMMERCE reasonably determines that changes are necessary to prevent unauthorized disclosures. The Grantee shall make the changes within the time period specified by COMMERCE. Upon request, the Grantee shall immediately return to COMMERCE any Confidential Information that COMMERCE reasonably determines has not been adequately protected by the Grantee against unauthorized disclosure.

C. Unauthorized Use or Disclosure. The Grantee shall notify COMMERCE within five (5) working days of any unauthorized use or disclosure of any confidential information, and shall take necessary steps to mitigate the harmful effects of such use or disclosure.

10. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Notwithstanding any determination by the Executive Ethics Board or other tribunal, COMMERCE may, in its sole discretion, by written notice to the Grantee terminate this Grant if it is found after due notice and examination by COMMERCE that there is a violation of the Ethics in Public Service Act, Chapters 42.52 RCW and 42.23 RCW; or any similar statute involving the Grantee in the procurement of, or performance under this Grant.

Specific restrictions apply to Granting with current or former state employees pursuant to chapter 42.52 of the Revised Code of Washington. The Grantee and their subgrantee(s) must identify any person employed in any capacity by the state of Washington that worked with the COMMERCE program executing this Grant, including but not limited to formulating or drafting the legislation, participating in procurement planning and execution, awarding Grants, and monitoring Grant, during the 24-month period preceding the start date of this Grant. Identify the individual by name, the agency previously or currently employed by, job title or position held, and separation date. If it is determined by COMMERCE that a conflict of interest exists, the Grantee may be disqualified from further consideration for the award of a Grant.

In the event this Grant is terminated as provided above, COMMERCE shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against the Grantee as it could pursue in the event of a breach of the Grant by the Grantee. The rights and remedies of COMMERCE provided for in this clause shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law. The existence of facts upon which COMMERCE makes any determination under this clause shall be an issue and may be reviewed as provided in the "Disputes" clause of this Grant.

11. **COPYRIGHT**

Unless otherwise provided, all Materials produced under this Grant shall be considered "works for hire" as defined by the U.S. Copyright Act and shall be owned by COMMERCE. COMMERCE shall be considered the author of such Materials. In the event the Materials are not considered "works for hire" under the U.S. Copyright laws, the Grantee hereby irrevocably assigns all right, title, and interest in all Materials, including all intellectual property rights, moral rights, and rights of publicity to COMMERCE effective from the moment of creation of such Materials.

"Materials" means all items in any format and includes, but is not limited to, data, reports, documents, pamphlets, advertisements, books, magazines, surveys, studies, computer programs, films, tapes, and/or sound reproductions. "Ownership" includes the right to copyright, patent, register and the ability to transfer these rights.

For Materials that are delivered under the Grant, but that incorporate pre-existing materials not produced under the Grant, the Grantee hereby grants to COMMERCE a nonexclusive, royalty-free, irrevocable license (with rights to sublicense to others) in such Materials to translate, reproduce, distribute, prepare derivative works, publicly perform, and publicly display. The Grantee warrants and represents that the Grantee has all rights and permissions, including intellectual property rights, moral rights and rights of publicity, necessary to grant such a license to COMMERCE.

The Grantee shall exert all reasonable effort to advise COMMERCE, at the time of delivery of Materials furnished under this Grant, of all known or potential invasions of privacy contained therein and of any portion of such document which was not produced in the performance of this Grant. The Grantee shall provide COMMERCE with prompt written notice of each notice or claim of infringement received by the Grantee with respect to any Materials delivered under this Grant. COMMERCE shall have the right to modify or remove any restrictive markings placed upon the Materials by the Grantee.

12. **DISPUTES**

Except as otherwise provided in this Grant, when a dispute arises between the parties and it cannot be resolved by direct negotiation, either party may request a dispute hearing with the Director of COMMERCE, who may designate a neutral person to decide the dispute.

The request for a dispute hearing must:

- be in writing;
- state the disputed issues;
- state the relative positions of the parties;
- state the Grantee's name, address, and Grant number; and
- be mailed to the Director and the other party's (respondent's) Grant Representative within three (3) working days after the parties agree that they cannot resolve the dispute.

The respondent shall send a written answer to the requestor's statement to both the Director or the Director's designee and the requestor within five (5) working days.

The Director or designee shall review the written statements and reply in writing to both parties within ten (10) working days. The Director or designee may extend this period if necessary by notifying the parties.

The decision shall not be admissible in any succeeding judicial or quasi-judicial proceeding.

The parties agree that this dispute process shall precede any action in a judicial or quasi-judicial tribunal.

Nothing in this Grant shall be construed to limit the parties' choice of a mutually acceptable alternate dispute resolution (ADR) method in addition to the dispute hearing procedure outlined above.

13. DUPLICATE PAYMENT

COMMERCE shall not pay the Grantee, if the Grantee has charged or will charge the State of Washington or any other party under any other Grant or agreement, for the same services or expenses.

14. GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE

This Grant shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the state of Washington, and the venue of any action brought hereunder shall be in the Superior Court for Thurston County.

15. INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Grantee shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the state of Washington, COMMERCE, agencies of the state and all officials, agents and employees of the state, from and against all claims for injuries or death arising out of or resulting from the performance of the Grant. "Claim" as used in this Grant, means any financial loss, claim, suit, action, damage, or expense, including but not limited to attorney's fees, attributable for bodily injury, sickness, disease, or death, or injury to or the destruction of tangible property including loss of use resulting therefrom.

The Grantee's obligation to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless includes any claim by Grantee's agents, employees, representatives, or any subgrantee or its employees.

The Grantee's obligation shall not include such claims that may be caused by the sole negligence of the State and its agencies, officials, agents, and employees. If the claims or damages are caused by or result from the concurrent negligence of (a) the State, its agents or employees and (b) the Grantee, its subcontractors, agents, or employees, this indemnity provision shall be valid and enforceable only to the extent of the negligence of the Grantee or its subgrantees, agents, or employees.

The Grantee waives its immunity under Title 51 RCW to the extent it is required to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the state and its agencies, officers, agents or employees.

16. INDEPENDENT CAPACITY OF THE GRANTEE

The parties intend that an independent Grantee relationship will be created by this Grant. The Grantee and its employees or agents performing under this Grant are not employees or agents of the state of Washington or COMMERCE. The Grantee will not hold itself out as or claim to be an officer or employee of COMMERCE or of the state of Washington by reason hereof, nor will the Grantee make any claim of right, privilege or benefit which would accrue to such officer or employee under law. Conduct and control of the work will be solely with the Grantee.

17. INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE COVERAGE

The Grantee shall comply with all applicable provisions of Title 51 RCW, Industrial Insurance. If the Grantee fails to provide industrial insurance coverage or fails to pay premiums or penalties on behalf of its employees as may be required by law, COMMERCE may collect from the Grantee the full amount payable to the Industrial Insurance Accident Fund. COMMERCE may deduct the amount owed by the Grantee to the accident fund from the amount payable to the Grantee by COMMERCE under this Grant, and transmit the deducted amount to the Department of Labor and Industries, (L&I) Division of Insurance Services. This provision does not waive any of L&I's rights to collect from the Grantee.

18. LAWS

The Grantee shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, codes, regulations and policies of local, state, and federal governments, as now or hereafter amended.

19. LICENSING, ACCREDITATION AND REGISTRATION

The Grantee shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal licensing, accreditation and registration requirements or standards necessary for the performance of this Grant.

20. LIMITATION OF AUTHORITY

Only the Authorized Representative or the Authorized Representative's delegate by writing (delegation to be made prior to action) shall have the express, implied, or apparent authority to alter, amend, modify, or waive any clause or condition of this Grant. Furthermore, any alteration, amendment, modification, or waiver or any clause or condition of this Grant is not effective or binding unless made in writing and signed by the Authorized Representative.

21. NONCOMPLIANCE WITH NONDISCRIMINATION LAWS

During the performance of this Grant, the Grantee shall comply with all federal, state, and local nondiscrimination laws, regulations and policies. In the event of the Grantee's non-compliance or refusal to comply with any nondiscrimination law, regulation or policy, this Grant may be rescinded, canceled or terminated in whole or in part, and the Grantee may be declared ineligible for further grants with COMMERCE. The Grantee shall, however, be given a reasonable time in which to cure this noncompliance. Any dispute may be resolved in accordance with the "Disputes" procedure set forth herein.

The funds provided under this Grant may not be used to fund religious worship, exercise, or instruction. No person shall be required to participate in any religious worship, exercise, or instruction in order to have access to the facilities funded by this Grant.

22. PAY EQUITY

The Grantee agrees to ensure that "similarly employed" individuals in its workforce are compensated as equals, consistent with the following:

- A.** Employees are "similarly employed" if the individuals work for the same employer, the performance of the job requires comparable skill, effort, and responsibility, and the jobs are performed under similar working conditions. Job titles alone are not determinative of whether employees are similarly employed;
- B.** Grantee may allow differentials in compensation for its workers if the differentials are based in good faith and on any of the following:
 - i.** A seniority system; a merit system; a system that measures earnings by quantity or quality of production; a bona fide job-related factor or factors; or a bona fide regional difference in compensation levels.
 - ii.** A bona fide job-related factor or factors may include, but not be limited to, education, training, or experience that is: Consistent with business necessity; not based on or derived

from a gender-based differential; and accounts for the entire differential.

- iii. A bona fide regional difference in compensation level must be: Consistent with business necessity; not based on or derived from a gender-based differential; and account for the entire differential.

This Grant may be terminated by the Department, if the Department or the Department of Enterprise Services determines that the Grantee is not in compliance with this provision.

23. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

Political activity of Grantee's employees and officers are limited by the State Campaign Finances and Lobbying provisions of Chapter 42.17A RCW and the Federal Hatch Act, 5 USC 1501 - 1508.

No funds may be used for working for or against ballot measures or for or against the candidacy of any person for public office.

24. PUBLICITY

The Grantee agrees not to publish or use any advertising or publicity materials in which the state of Washington or COMMERCE's name is mentioned, or language used from which the connection with the state of Washington's or COMMERCE's name may reasonably be inferred or implied, without the prior written consent of COMMERCE.

25. RECAPTURE

In the event that the Grantee fails to perform this Grant in accordance with state laws, federal laws, and/or the provisions of this Grant, COMMERCE reserves the right to recapture funds in an amount to compensate COMMERCE for the noncompliance in addition to any other remedies available at law or in equity.

Repayment by the Grantee of funds under this recapture provision shall occur within the time period specified by COMMERCE. In the alternative, COMMERCE may recapture such funds from payments due under this Grant.

26. RECORDS MAINTENANCE

The Grantee shall maintain books, records, documents, data and other evidence relating to this Grant and performance of the services described herein, including but not limited to accounting procedures and practices that sufficiently and properly reflect all direct and indirect costs of any nature expended in the performance of this Grant.

The Grantee shall retain such records for a period of six years following the date of final payment. At no additional cost, these records, including materials generated under the Grant, shall be subject at all reasonable times to inspection, review or audit by COMMERCE, personnel duly authorized by COMMERCE, the Office of the State Auditor, and federal and state officials so authorized by law, regulation or agreement.

If any litigation, claim or audit is started before the expiration of the six (6) year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved.

27. REGISTRATION WITH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

If required by law, the Grantee shall complete registration with the Washington State Department of Revenue.

28. RIGHT OF INSPECTION

The Grantee shall provide right of access to its facilities to COMMERCE, or any of its officers, or to any other authorized agent or official of the state of Washington or the federal government, at all reasonable times, in order to monitor and evaluate performance, compliance, and/or quality assurance under this Grant.

29. SAVINGS

In the event funding from state, federal, or other sources is withdrawn, reduced, or limited in any way after the effective date of this Grant and prior to normal completion, COMMERCE may suspend or terminate the Grant under the "Termination for Convenience" clause, without the ten calendar day notice requirement. In lieu of termination, the Grant may be amended to reflect the new funding limitations and conditions.

30. SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Grant are intended to be severable. If any term or provision is illegal or invalid for any reason whatsoever, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Grant.

31. SITE SECURITY

While on COMMERCE premises, Grantee, its agents, employees, or subgrantees shall conform in all respects with physical, fire or other security policies or regulations.

32. SUBGRANTING/SUBCONTRACTING

The Grantee may only subgrant/subcontract work contemplated under this Grant if it obtains the prior written approval of COMMERCE.

If COMMERCE approves subgranting/subcontracting, the Grantee shall maintain written procedures related to subgranting, as well as copies of all subgrants/subcontract and records related to subgrants/subcontracts. For cause, COMMERCE in writing may: (a) require the Grantee to amend its subgranting/subcontracting procedures as they relate to this Grant; (b) prohibit the Grantee from subgranting/subcontracting with a particular person or entity; or (c) require the Grantee to rescind or amend a subgrant/subcontract.

Every subgrant/subcontract shall bind the Subgrantee/Subcontractor to follow all applicable terms of this Grant. The Grantee is responsible to COMMERCE if the Subgrantee/Subcontractor fails to comply with any applicable term or condition of this Grant. The Grantee shall appropriately monitor the activities of the Subgrantee/Subcontractor to assure fiscal conditions of this Grant. In no event shall the existence of a subgrant/subcontract operate to release or reduce the liability of the Grantee to COMMERCE for any breach in the performance of the Grantee's duties.

Every subgrant/subcontract shall include a term that COMMERCE and the State of Washington are not liable for claims or damages arising from a Subgrantee/Subcontractor's performance of the subgrant/subcontract.

33. SURVIVAL

The terms, conditions, and warranties contained in this Grant that by their sense and context are intended to survive the completion of the performance, cancellation or termination of this Grant shall so survive.

34. TAXES

All payments accrued on account of payroll taxes, unemployment contributions, the Grantee's income or gross receipts, any other taxes, insurance or expenses for the Grantee or its staff shall be the sole responsibility of the Grantee.

35. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE

In the event COMMERCE determines the Grantee has failed to comply with the conditions of this Grant in a timely manner, COMMERCE has the right to suspend or terminate this Grant. Before suspending or terminating the Grant, COMMERCE shall notify the Grantee in writing of the need to take corrective action. If corrective action is not taken within 30 calendar days, the Grant may be terminated or suspended.

In the event of termination or suspension, the Grantee shall be liable for damages as authorized by law including, but not limited to, any cost difference between the original Grant and the replacement or cover Grant and all administrative costs directly related to the replacement Grant, e.g., cost of the competitive bidding, mailing, advertising and staff time.

COMMERCE reserves the right to suspend all or part of the Grant, withhold further payments, or prohibit the Grantee from incurring additional obligations of funds during investigation of the alleged compliance breach and pending corrective action by the Grantee or a decision by COMMERCE to terminate the Grant. A termination shall be deemed a "Termination for Convenience" if it is determined that the Grantee: (1) was not in default; or (2) failure to perform was outside of his or her control, fault or negligence.

The rights and remedies of COMMERCE provided in this Grant are not exclusive and are, in addition to any other rights and remedies, provided by law.

36. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

Except as otherwise provided in this Grant, COMMERCE may, by ten (10) business days' written notice, beginning on the second day after the mailing, terminate this Grant, in whole or in part. If this Grant is so terminated, COMMERCE shall be liable only for payment required under the terms of this Grant for services rendered or goods delivered prior to the effective date of termination.

37. TERMINATION PROCEDURES

Upon termination of this Grant, COMMERCE, in addition to any other rights provided in this Grant, may require the Grantee to deliver to COMMERCE any property specifically produced or acquired for the performance of such part of this Grant as has been terminated. The provisions of the "Treatment of Assets" clause shall apply in such property transfer.

COMMERCE shall pay to the Grantee the agreed upon price, if separately stated, for completed work and services accepted by COMMERCE, and the amount agreed upon by the Grantee and COMMERCE for (i) completed work and services for which no separate price is stated, (ii) partially completed work and services, (iii) other property or services that are accepted by COMMERCE, and (iv) the protection and preservation of property, unless the termination is for default, in which case the Authorized Representative shall determine the extent of the liability of COMMERCE. Failure to agree with such determination shall be a dispute within the meaning of the "Disputes" clause of this Grant. COMMERCE may withhold from any amounts due the Grantee such sum as the Authorized Representative determines to be necessary to protect COMMERCE against potential loss or liability.

The rights and remedies of COMMERCE provided in this section shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Grant.

After receipt of a notice of termination, and except as otherwise directed by the Authorized Representative, the Grantee shall:

- A.** Stop work under the Grant on the date, and to the extent specified, in the notice;
- B.** Place no further orders or subgrants/subcontracts for materials, services, or facilities except as may be necessary for completion of such portion of the work under the Grant that is not terminated;
- C.** Assign to COMMERCE, in the manner, at the times, and to the extent directed by the Authorized Representative, all of the rights, title, and interest of the Grantee under the orders and subgrants/subcontracts so terminated, in which case COMMERCE has the right, at its discretion, to settle or pay any or all claims arising out of the termination of such orders and subgrants/subcontracts;
- D.** Settle all outstanding liabilities and all claims arising out of such termination of orders and subgrants/subcontracts, with the approval or ratification of the Authorized Representative to the extent the Authorized Representative may require, which approval or ratification shall be

final for all the purposes of this clause;

- E. Transfer title to COMMERCE and deliver in the manner, at the times, and to the extent directed by the Authorized Representative any property which, if the Grant had been completed, would have been required to be furnished to COMMERCE;
- F. Complete performance of such part of the work as shall not have been terminated by the Authorized Representative; and
- G. Take such action as may be necessary, or as the Authorized Representative may direct, for the protection and preservation of the property related to this Grant, which is in the possession of the Grantee and in which COMMERCE has or may acquire an interest.

38. TREATMENT OF ASSETS

Title to all property furnished by COMMERCE shall remain in COMMERCE. Title to all property furnished by the Grantee, for the cost of which the Grantee is entitled to be reimbursed as a direct item of cost under this Grant, shall pass to and vest in COMMERCE upon delivery of such property by the Grantee. Title to other property, the cost of which is reimbursable to the Grantee under this Grant, shall pass to and vest in COMMERCE upon (i) issuance for use of such property in the performance of this Grant, or (ii) commencement of use of such property in the performance of this Grant, or (iii) reimbursement of the cost thereof by COMMERCE in whole or in part, whichever first occurs.

- A. Any property of COMMERCE furnished to the Grantee shall, unless otherwise provided herein or approved by COMMERCE, be used only for the performance of this Grant.
- B. The Grantee shall be responsible for any loss or damage to property of COMMERCE that results from the negligence of the Grantee or which results from the failure on the part of the Grantee to maintain and administer that property in accordance with sound management practices.
- C. If any COMMERCE property is lost, destroyed or damaged, the Grantee shall immediately notify COMMERCE and shall take all reasonable steps to protect the property from further damage.
- D. The Grantee shall surrender to COMMERCE all property of COMMERCE prior to settlement upon completion, termination or cancellation of this Grant.
- E. All reference to the Grantee under this clause shall also include Grantee's employees, agents or Subgrantees/Subcontractors.

39. WAIVER

Waiver of any default or breach shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent default or breach. Any waiver shall not be construed to be a modification of the terms of this Grant unless stated to be such in writing and signed by Authorized Representative of COMMERCE.

Attachment A: Scope of Work

This Grant provides \$150,000 for expenses during state fiscal year 2024 and \$150,000 for expenses during state fiscal year 2025 for Whatcom County (“Grantee”) to rapidly deploy flexible funds to support and stabilize newly arriving refugees like those from the 2021 Afghanistan conflict and the 2022 Ukraine-Russia Conflict (“Refugees”), as per the 2023-25 Operating Budget, Section 129 (30) Refugee Aid.

Assistance can include but is not limited to paying for rent and housing needs, transportation, healthcare, food, employment barrier-removal, clothing and other essential items or services that the applicant deems necessary to help stabilize the refugees.

Transitional housing facilities costs - costs related to opening and maintaining refugee housing stabilization facilities are eligible. Costs could include leasing, repairs or upgrades needed for occupancy, staffing for housing and other critical transitional housing facilities costs.

These funds are intended to reach households with the highest need. **Grantee agrees to utilize funds by prioritizing households with the highest needs to be assisted first. Funding for those households without housing, food, clothing and basic essentials shall be prioritized before any others.** These funds should be prioritized for critical expenses that are not payable with other funds, or when other funds have been exhausted.

The Grantee or subgrantees must maintain intake documents that include justification of client or family qualification for these services which could include a self-attestation.

The Grantee, at its discretion and if funds are available, can also reimburse costs for Refugees served outside of this county through this Grant including from nonprofit, Tribes, local governments or [resettlement agencies](#).

The Grantee will submit quarterly progress reports to Commerce, in a form to be provided by Commerce, which will describe the progress made toward stabilizing refugees. Client data should NOT INCLUDE NAMES or personally identifiable information to protect privacy. Commerce may confirm clients against data reported during monitoring.

Attachment B: Budget

Budget Item	Fiscal Year 2024	Fiscal Year 2025	Total
Program Staff Salary and Benefits and other Program Costs	\$127,500	\$127,500	\$254,000
Administrative Costs (cannot exceed 15 percent of program costs per month)	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$45,000
TOTAL BUDGET	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000

Variations to program costs and staff budgets can be accommodated without a contract amendment, as long as the administrative limit and total contracted amount is not exceeded.

Budget Item Definitions, Allowances and Restrictions:

- Program Staff Salary and Benefits can include any costs incurred by staff interacting directly with refugees served by this program.
- Program Costs can include but are not limited to paying for rent and housing needs, transportation, healthcare needs, food, clothing and other essential items or services that the Grantee deems necessary to help stabilize refugees.
- Administrative Costs are expenses incurred including executive staff time, IT/IS, HR, and other organization-wide fees or costs like insurance, non-program office space, etc. The 15 percent limit includes subcontractor administrative costs.

Restrictions include:

- non-essential items include non-essential furnishings like a television, luxury type items or non-essential consumables like alcohol or tobacco