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**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive  
**FROM:** Erika Lautenbach, Director  
**RE:** Washington State Department of Commerce – Emergency Housing Fund Grant Agreement  
**DATE:** AUGUST 17, 2023

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Attached is an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Commerce for your review and signature.

- **Background and Purpose**

The Emergency Housing Fund Grant provides funding to offset expiration of pandemic-related dollars that have supported housing and homeless service programs in Whatcom County since 2020. This grant supports the priorities outlined in the Whatcom County Plan to End Homelessness with emphasis on emergency shelter provision and re-stabilization for households experiencing homelessness. This grant will support partner agencies providing a wide variety of housing related services to continue their work in serving vulnerable, low-income residents of Whatcom County.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

This grant provides \$2,890,020 in federal funding from the U.S. Department of Treasury (CFDA 21.027) through 06/30/2024, from the Washington State Department of Commerce. Council authorization is required as this grant funding exceeds \$40,000, per WCC 3.06.010.

Please contact Christopher D’Onofrio, Housing & Homeless Services Supervisor at 360-778-6049 ([CDonofri@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:CDonofri@co.whatcom.wa.us)) or Kathleen Roy, Financial & Administrative Manager at 360-778-6007 ([KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us)), if you have any questions.

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