



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: Washington State Department of Commerce – Emergency Housing Fund Grant Agreement Amendment #1

DATE: MAY 20, 2024

Attached is an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Commerce for your review and signature. This amendment retroactively replaces the federal funds source from Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF) to General Funds State (GFS) and replaces the Special Terms and Conditions of the grant to reflect state terms.

- **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**

Total funding is not altered by this amendment. This grant provides \$2,890,020 in from the Washington State Department of Commerce. Council authorization is required per RCW 39.34.030(2) for agreements between public agencies.

Please contact Ann Beck, Community Health & Human Services Manager at 360-778-6055 (ABeck@co.whatcom.wa.us) if you have any questions.

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