



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: SeaMar Community Health Centers – COVID-19 Temporary Housing Facility Contract Amendment #1

DATE: December 28, 2020

Attached is a contract amendment between Whatcom County and SeaMar for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

During the COVID-19 pandemic, it is necessary for Whatcom County to implement actions that will mitigate the spread of the disease and provide basic services in support of public health for the community at large. In order to respond to people in need of isolation and quarantine who have no other option to accomplish this, a temporary housing facility has been opened. This contract provides funding for SeaMar to support the daily operations at the facility. SeaMar has the necessary experience to accomplish this effort based on their current work as the provider of the Whatcom Ground-level Response and Coordinated Engagement (GRACE) Program. The purpose of this amendment is to extend the contract through 01/31/2021.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract period (12/31/20 – 01/31/2021) may not exceed \$23,865 and funding for the entire contract period (03/01/2020 – 01/31/2021) may not exceed \$262,516. Funding is provided by the Washington State Department of Health Epidemiology & Laboratory Capacity (CFDA 93.323) Grant and the Department of Commerce COVID-19 Emergency Housing Grant. These funds are included in the 2020-2021 budgets. Council approval is not required per Whatcom County Code 3.08.100(A)(6) for contracts executed within the declaration of a county emergency.

Please contact Kathleen Roy at extension #6007 if you have any questions regarding this agreement.

Encl.

