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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Satpal Singh Sidhu  
**FROM:** Rob Ney, Project & Operations Manager  
**RE:** State of Washington Commerce Grant for Way Station  
**DATE:** April 18, 2022

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### ▪ **Background and Purpose**

Attached for Council consideration is a State of Washington Department of Commerce Grant for Local and Community Projects in the amount of \$4,000,000. The Council may recall, this grant was originally applied for by Unity Care Northwest for the sole purpose of partial funding of the Way Station project at the 1500 State Street Facility. Staff and Unity Care NW have worked with Commerce to transfer this grant to Whatcom County.

The Way Station is a collaborative effort with our partners Peace Health, Unity Care Northwest and the Opportunity Council and is intended to provide recuperative respite care, health care services, hygiene services and case management to unsheltered individuals. The Council approved the Amended Way Station Memorandum of Understanding for this use on January 25, 2022.

This is a significant portion of the funding for the Way Station. By accepting this grant, the County has the ability to be reimbursed up to \$4,000,000 of capital expenditures for the Way Station.

Also on the Agenda for consideration is the introduction of the Additional Service Request for spending authority for the three different sources of funding for the Way Station. Final Action for these items will be on April 26.

### ▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

By accepting the Grant funding would be provided up to \$4,000,000 of reimbursed capital expenditures.

### **Recommended Action**

Staff is recommending approval and acceptance of this Grant, and recommending the Council authorize the Executive to sign the grant.

Please contact Rob Ney at extension 5365, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Enclosures