



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive  
**FROM:** Erika Lautenbach, Director  
**RE:** Washington State Department of Commerce – Consolidated Homeless Grant Amendment #1  
**DATE:** February 20, 2024

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Attached is a grant between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Commerce for your review and signature. This amendment adds \$1,801,736 in unspent 2023 eviction prevention funds. The additional eviction prevention funding will support projects providing rental assistance, case management, and assistance in navigating social and financial services with the goal of reducing the need for future rental assistance.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

The Consolidated Homeless Grant (CHG) provides resources to fund homelessness crisis response systems and to assist people who are experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of homelessness to obtain or maintain housing. This grant supports the priorities outlined in the Whatcom County Plan to End Homelessness. Funding provided by this grant is passed through to partner agencies providing a wide variety of housing related services.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

This grant provides \$12,345,115 in funding for the 2023-2025 biennium. Council authorization is required as the funding provided by this amendment exceeds \$40,000, per WCC 3.06.010.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contracts**

Section	Differences
Attachment B – Budget	Increases eviction prevention funding by \$1,801,736

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