



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director
RE: Lydia Place – Shelter Grant Contract Amendment #8
DATE: February 24, 2023

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

▪ **Background and Purpose**

This contract provides year-round funding for a variable number of motel rooms to be used on an as-needed basis for families with children who would otherwise experience unsheltered homelessness. A portion of the funds will be used to provide supportive services to help those families exit motel rooms into permanent, stable housing. This amendment increases funding by \$172,111.49 to support the increased cost of motel rooms and the duration of time families are spending in motels while the Contractor seeks permanent housing solutions in a competitive, low-inventory market.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$573,129.49 during this contract period (01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023) and \$1,635,125.49 during the entire contract period (10/01/2020 – 12/31/2023), is provided by the Washington State Department of Commerce’s Shelter and ESG-CV (CFDA 14.231) Grants, local document recording fees, and federal American Rescue Plan Act funding (CFDA 21.027). These funds are included in the 2023 budget. Council approval is required as this amendment adds funding that exceeds 10% of the amount authorized by Council on 09/13/2022.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contracts**

Section	Revision Purpose
Exhibit B – Compensation	Increase total Commerce Shelter Grant funding by \$172,111.49.

Please contact Chris D’Onofrio, Housing and Homeless Services Supervisor at 360-778-6049 (CDonofri@co.whatcom.wa.us) or Kathleen Roy, Financial & Administrative Manager at 360-778-6007 (KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us), if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request.

