



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director
RE: Ferndale Community Services – Contract for Homeless Outreach Services to Rural Communities
DATE: JUNE 20, 2024

Attached is a contract between Whatcom County and Ferndale Community Services for your review and signature.

- **Background and Purpose**

This contract provides funding to support expansion of outreach services to people who are currently experiencing unsheltered or sheltered homelessness in rural areas of Whatcom County including but not limited to Ferndale, Custer, Birch Bay, Blaine, Everson, Sumas, and Kendall. These services will include increased connections to financial, medical, behavioral health, substance use disorder treatment, and housing resources, as well as necessities to promote health and hygiene for individuals living outdoors. This contract is awarded as a result of RFP 24-50.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$55,377, is provided by the Consolidated Homeless Grant as provided by the Washington State Department of Commerce. These funds are included in the 2024 budget. Council authorization is required per WCC 3.08.100, as funding for this contract exceeds \$40,000.

Please contact Christopher D’Onofrio, Housing & Homeless Services Supervisor at 360-778-6049 (CDonofri@co.whatcom.wa.us) if you have any questions.

Encl.