



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

**FROM:** Erika Lautenbach, Director

**RE:** PeaceHealth – GRACE Program Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement Amendment #2

**DATE:** June 1, 2022

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Attached is a grant amendment between Whatcom County and PeaceHealth for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

Whatcom Ground-level Response and Coordinated Engagement (GRACE) is a multi-agency, cross-system program that provides intensive care coordination to individuals who have frequent contact with law enforcement and emergency response systems, make inappropriate use of health care, and have failed social service and housing episodes, leading to inefficient use of public health resources to meet their needs. The goal of GRACE is to increase public safety, reduce excessive use and cost to emergency and criminal justice systems, and improve the health and well-being of individuals with complex needs. This agreement awards funding to Whatcom County from the PeaceHealth Community Collaboration Committee’s Community Benefit Award for partial support of the GRACE Program.

This amendment extends the contract through 12/31/2023 and increases funding by \$10,000 to provide partial support of the Julota software platform (WC contract #202111020), used to track and monitor services and care provided to individuals within the GRACE Program.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

This grant awards \$10,000 for the current grant period (05/01/2022 – 12/31/2023) and \$120,000 for the entire grant period (07/01/2020 – 12/31/2023). These funds will be included in the 2022 budget. Council approval is required as total grant funding exceeds \$40,000 and this grant has not yet been authorized by Council per WCC 3.06.010.

Please contact Malora Christensen, Response Systems Manager at 360-778-6131 ([MChriste@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:MChriste@co.whatcom.wa.us)) or Kathleen Roy, Assistant Director at 360-778-6007 ([KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us)) if you have any questions regarding this agreement.

