



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: Washington State Department of Commerce – Emergency Solutions Grant COVID-19 (ESG-CV) Grant Amendment #6

DATE: JUNE 30, 2023

Attached is a grant amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Commerce for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act of 2020 (CARES Act) provided a supplemental appropriation of Homeless Assistance Grants under the federal Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV). ESG-CV funds are to be used to prevent, prepare for and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic among individuals and families who are homeless or receiving homeless assistance. These funds also support additional homeless assistance and homeless prevention activities to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19. This amendment allocates additional funds and adjust spending amongst budget categories.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

This grant provides \$4,744,770 in federal ESG-CV funding (CFDA 14.231) through September 30, 2023 from the Washington State Department of Commerce. Council approval is required as this amendment adds more than \$40,000 in funding, per WCC 3.06.010.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contracts**

Section	Amendment Purpose
Attachment A – Budget	Adds \$150,000 and reallocated spending amongst budget categories.

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

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