



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

**FROM:** Erika Lautenbach, Director

**RE:** SeaMar Community Health Centers – COVID-19 Temporary Housing Facility Contract Amendment #4

**DATE:** June 11, 2021

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

▪ **Background and Purpose**

During the COVID-19 pandemic, it is necessary for Whatcom County to implement actions that will mitigate the spread of the disease and provide basic services in support of public health for the community at large. In order to respond to people in need of isolation and quarantine who have no other option to accomplish this, a COVID-19 Temporary Housing Facility has been opened. This contract provides funding for SeaMar to support the daily operations at the Facility. SeaMar has the necessary experience to accomplish this effort based on their current work as the provider of the Whatcom Ground-level Response and Coordinated Engagement (GRACE) Program. An RFQ was advertised for these services in April, 2021 and there were no respondents to the RFQ who offered to provide the administrative oversight of daily operations at the Facility. SeaMar will continue to provide the services described in this contract through September 30, 2021.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this extended contract period (06/01/21 – 09/30/2021) may not exceed \$95,460 and funding for the entire contract period (03/01/2020 – 09/30/2021) may not exceed \$453,436. Funds under the contract are made available by a grant awarded by the US Department of Treasury and subject to Section 601(a) of the Social Security Act, as amended by section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and Title V and VI of the CARES Act, passed thru the Washington State Department of Health Emergency Preparedness & Response COVID-19 Local CARES and Epidemiology & Laboratory Capacity Grants (CFDA 21.019 & 93.323). These funds are included in the 2021 budget. Council approval is required as additional funding for the extended contract period exceeds 10% of the approved budget.

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