



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: WA State Department of Commerce – CARES Act Emergency Solutions Grant – COVID 19 (ESG-CV)

DATE: July 23, 2020

Attached is a contract between Whatcom County and the 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 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV). ESG-CV funds are to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus pandemic among individuals and families who are homeless or receiving homeless assistance. The funds will also support additional homeless assistance and homeless prevention activities to mitigate the impacts of the Coronavirus.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

This contract provides \$494,112 in funding through June 30, 2022 from the Washington State Department of Commerce. Council approval is required per RCW 39.34.030(2) for agreements between public agencies.

Please contact Kathleen Roy at extension #6007 if you have any questions regarding this agreement.

Encl.

