



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: Lydia Place – Heart House Operations Contract

DATE: May 16, 2022

Attached is a contract between Whatcom County and Lydia Place for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

This contract provides operational funding, mainly personnel and related costs, for Lydia Place’s new permanent supportive housing program known as Heart House. Heart House is a newly constructed 11-unit housing facility that provides housing to families with children exiting homelessness and includes an on-site and licensed childcare facility. Families will be referred to the facility through the Whatcom Homeless Service Center and will be prioritized based on their vulnerability and barriers to independent housing. Heart House will provide a supportive environment with services to help families heal from past trauma, overcome behavioral health challenges, and achieve healthy outcomes for parents and children alike.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$57,145, is provided by HB 1406 (Affordable & Supportive Housing – Sales and Use Tax) Funds. These funds are included in the 2022 budget. Council approval is required as funding exceeds \$40,000.

Please contact Ann Beck, Human Services Supervisor at 360-778-6055 (ABeck@co.whatcom.wa.us) or Kathleen Roy, Assistant Director at 360-778-6007 (KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us), if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request.

