



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

**FROM:** Erika Lautenbach, Director

**RE:** Lydia Place – Shelter Grant Contract

**DATE:** November 20, 2020

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

- **Background and Purpose**

Creating new interim shelter beds for individuals experiencing homelessness is one of the seven key strategies in the *Strategic Plan to End Homelessness in Whatcom County* and provides alternatives to unhealthy and unsafe sleeping locations. This contract provides year-round funding for four motel rooms to be used as emergency housing for families experiencing unsheltered homelessness and also funds supportive services to help those families exit their motel rooms into permanent housing.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$114,172, is provided by the Washington State Department of Commerce Shelter Program and Emergency Solutions COVID-19 (CFDA 14.231) Grants. These funds are included in the 2020 budget. Council approval is required as funding exceeds \$40,000.

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

Encl.

