



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director
RE: Washington State Department of Commerce – Consolidated Homeless Grant Amendment #2
DATE: June 3, 2024

Attached is a grant between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Commerce for your review and signature. This amendment increases SFY 2024 funding by \$135,714 and SFY 2025 funding by \$4,880,517 to support the homeless crisis response system, which includes various projects to increase stability and safety for Whatcom County households experiencing or at-risk of homelessness.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

The Consolidated Homeless Grant (CHG) provides resources to fund homelessness crisis response systems and to assist people who are experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of homelessness to obtain or maintain housing. This grant supports the priorities outlined in the Whatcom County Plan to End Homelessness. Funding provided by this grant is passed through to partner agencies providing a wide variety of housing related services, including eviction prevention, street outreach, family emergency shelter, rental assistance, supportive services, and system coordination.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

This amendment increases total funding by \$5,016,231. Total funding is not to exceed \$17,361,346 for the 2023-2025 biennium. Council authorization is required as the funding provided by this amendment exceeds \$40,000, per WCC 3.06.010 and per RCW 39.34.030(2) for agreements between public agencies.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contracts**

Section	Differences
Attachment A – Scope of Work	Adds a scope of work for shelter bed funds to increase the number of families served through a family motel shelter program.
Attachment B – Budget	Increases inflation, standard, local document recording fee support, and family motel shelter program funds for the 2024 and 2025 state fiscal years.

Please contact Ann Beck, Community Health & Human Services Manager at 360-778-6055 (ABeck@co.whatcom.wa.us) if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request.