



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

**FROM:** Erika Lautenbach, Director

**RE:** SeaMar Community Health Centers – COVID-19 Temporary Housing Facility

**DATE:** November 9, 2020

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Attached is a contract 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 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.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract may not exceed \$238,650. 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 Act (CARES Act), and Title V and VI of the CARES Act, passed through the Washington State Department of Commerce Local Government Coronavirus Relief Fund (CFDA 21.016) and the Washington State Department of Health Emergency Preparedness & Response COVID-19 Local CARES Grant (CFDA 21.019), as well as the Washington State Department of Commerce COVID Emergency Housing Grant. 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.

