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**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive  
**FROM:** Champ Thomaskutty, Director  
**RE:** Washington State Department of Commerce — Consolidated Homeless Grant, Amendment #1  
**DATE:** MAY 7, 2026

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Attached is a grant between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Commerce for your review and signature. The purpose of this amendment is to increase funding by \$1,546,981.

- **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 adds \$1,546,981. Total funding is not to exceed \$20,366,072 for the 2025-2027 biennium. Council authorization is required per WCC 3.06.010 as grant funding exceeds \$40,000.

Please contact Christopher D'Onofrio, Housing and Homeless Services Supervisor at 360-778-6049 ([CDonofrio@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:CDonofrio@co.whatcom.wa.us)) if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request.

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