



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director
RE: Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center – Eviction Prevention Contract
DATE: MAY 15, 2023

Attached is a contract between Whatcom County and Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center for your review and signature.

- **Background and Purpose**

This contract provides funding for personnel at Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center (WDRC) to provide eviction resolution prevention services to address and mitigate disputes related to rental arrears between landlords and tenants, as well as other challenges or obstacles to mutually beneficial relationships between landlord and tenant(s).

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$69,000, is provided by the County's American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery funds (CFDA 21.027). These funds are included in the 2023 budget. Council approval is required as funding exceeds \$40,000.

Please contact Christopher D'Onofrio, Housing & Homeless Services Supervisor at 360-778-6049 (CDononfri@co.whatcom.wa.us) or Kathleen Roy, Financial & Administrative Manager at 360-778-6007 (KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us), if you have any questions.

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