



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Kathleen Roy, Assistant Director

RE: Washington State Department of Commerce – COVID-19 Outbreak
Emergency Housing Grant

DATE: March 17, 2020

Enclosed is one (1) original of an Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Commerce for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

The COVID-19 Outbreak Emergency Housing Grant provides funding for emergency housing necessary to immediately respond to the COVID-19 outbreak. This funding may be used to create isolation and quarantine housing, create additional shelter capacity to replace shelter capacity lost when social distancing was increased, increase sanitation in existing homeless housing, and other costs associated with addressing the public health needs of people experiencing homelessness or displaced from their former housing due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

This contract provides \$905,821 in funding through September 30, 2020 from the Washington State Department of Commerce. Council approval is required per RCW 39.34.030(2) for agreements between public agencies.

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

Encl.

