



# Memorandum

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive  
**FROM:** Erika Lautenbach, Director  
**RE:** Lydia Place – Permanent Housing and Supportive Services Contract  
**DATE:** NOVEMBER 26, 2024

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Attached is a contract between Whatcom County and Lydia Place for your review and signature.

- **Background and Purpose**

This contract provides funding for the operation of Lydia Place’s permanent housing and supportive services program. Lydia Place owns and operates 20 units of permanent housing for families with children that were formally homeless. Households living in Lydia Place units receive case management and other supportive services in order to increase housing stability and retention, improve mental and emotional wellbeing, increasing social connection, and disrupt the generational cycle of homelessness. This contract is awarded as a result of RFP 24-42.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

A six-month contract is proposed in order to align future contract periods with the state fiscal year starting July 1, 2025. Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$129,487, is provided by the Washington State Department of Commerce Consolidated Homeless Grant, the local affordable and supportive housing sales and use tax (HB 1406), and the local behavioral health fund. These funds are included in the 2025 budget. Council authorization is required per WCC 3.08.100, as funding for these services exceeds \$40,000.

- **Differences from Previous Contracts**

This is a new contract; however, funding for these services have been provided through a previous contract (WC contract #202206015) since 2022. This contract updates language within the scope of work to reflect standardized language for similar contract types and adds incident reporting and severe weather planning template exhibits. This contract continues funding paid by the contract referenced above, ending on 12/31/2024 and combines those services with services previously paid for separately in WC contract #202106042, which is also ending on 12/31/2024.

Please contact Christopher D’Onofrio, Housing and Homeless Services Supervisor at 360-778-6049 ([CDonofri@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:CDonofri@co.whatcom.wa.us)) if you have any questions.

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