



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director
RE: Lydia Place – Small Capital Contract
DATE: AUGUST 29, 2024

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

- **Background and Purpose**

This contract provides funding to support the rehabilitation and remodel of a Lydia Place owned property, Gladstone House. Gladstone House was designed as transitional housing for eligible residents using a cooperative living model. This project retains the transitional housing model but converts the units to accommodate large families of 5 or more individuals – a significant unmet need in Whatcom County.

The work funded by this contract meets the eligibility requirements for HB 1590 funding as the facility provides transitional housing to individuals that are at or below 60% of the Area Media Income and more than 15% of the units are occupied by residents who were previously living in or near Bellingham, where the facility is located. This contract is awarded as a result of RFP 23-88.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$166,950, is provided by HB 1590. These funds are included in the 2024 budget. Council authorization is required as funding for this contract exceeds \$40,000.

Please contact Eric Chambers, Special Projects Manager at 360-778-6199 (EKChambe@co.whatcom.wa.us) or Ann Beck, Community Health and Human Services Manager at 360-78-6055 (ABeck@co.whatcom.wa.us) if you have any questions.

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