



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: Lydia Place – Shelter Grant Contract Amendment #6

DATE: August 11, 2021

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

▪ **Background and Purpose**

This contract provides year-round funding for four motel rooms to be used as emergency housing for families experiencing unsheltered homelessness as well as a variable number of additional motel rooms to be used on an as-needed basis for families with children who would otherwise experience unsheltered homelessness. A portion of the funds will be used to provide supportive services to help those families exit motel rooms into permanent, stable housing. This amendment increases funding by \$100,000 to support additional motel stays and \$7,000 in the subsequent increase in indirect costs. Increased funding is provided by dedicated grant funding for these purposes through the Washington State Department of Commerce Emergency Solutions COVID-19 (ESG-CV) Grant.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$707,074 during this contract period (01/01/2022 – 12/31/2022) and \$1,061,996 during the entire contract period (10/01/2020 – 12/31/2022), is provided by the Washington State Department of Commerce Shelter, Consolidated Homeless, and ESG-CV (CFDA 14.231) Grants and local Document Recording Fees. These funds are included in the 2022 budget. Council approval is required as the additional funding provided by this amendment exceeds 10% of the approved budget.

Please contact Ann Beck, Community Services Manager at 360-778-6055 (ABeck@co.whatcom.wa.us) or Kathleen Roy, Assistant Director at 360-778-6007 (KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us), if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request.

