



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: Lydia Place – Shelter Grant Contract Amendment #4

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 extends the contract for an additional year and increases funding by \$288,000 from the Washington State Department of Commerce Consolidated Homeless Grant's (CHG) new Hotel Leasing and Rapid ReHousing funds, intended to support an estimated 45 families in a variable number of additional motel rooms.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$493,074, is provided by the Washington State Department of Commerce Shelter, Consolidated Homeless, and Emergency Solutions COVID-19 (CFDA 14.231) Grants and local Document Recording Fees. These funds will be 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, Human Services Supervisor 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.

