



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: Aristo Healthcare Services – COVID Isolation & Quarantine Facility Contract Amendment #1

DATE: December 8, 2021

Attached is a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Aristo Healthcare Services for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

During the COVID-19 pandemic, it is necessary for Whatcom County to implement actions that will mitigate the spread of the disease and provide basic services in support of public health for the community at large. In order to respond to people in need of isolation and quarantine, who have no other options to accomplish such, Whatcom County opened a COVID-19 Isolation and Quarantine Facility (Facility). Aristo Healthcare Services provides temporary, per-diem, temp-to-hire and contract staffing services. This contract provides funding for Aristo to fill staffing gaps at the 24/7 Facility, which have mostly been for evening and overnight hours. This amendment extends the contract through 03/31/2022, increases estimated funding by \$125,000 for the extended contract period, and removes the need for site-supervisor staffing as this position is fully covered by Road2Home, the administrative operator of the Facility.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract may not exceed \$325,000. Funding for this contract will vary depending on the number of employees assigned to the Facility, the position's hourly rate (including overtime, holiday, and weekend rates), various personnel accommodations (travel, meals, quarantine pay, etc.). Funds under this contract are made available by a grant awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), passed through the Washington State Military Department (Funding Source Agreement #FEMA-4481-DR-WA) (CFDA 97.036, Public Assistance). These funds are included in the 2022 budget. Council approval is required as the additional funding provided by this amendment exceeds 10% of the original budget.

Please contact Mark Raaka, COVID-19 Response Manager at 360-303-2309 (MRaaka@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.

