



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: Washington State Department of Commerce – Emergency Solution COVID-19 (ESG-CV) Grant Amendment #2

DATE: April 19, 2022

Attached is a grant amendment between Whatcom County and WA State Department of Commerce for your review and signature.

▪ Background and Purpose

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act of 2020 (CARES Act) provided a supplemental appropriation of Homeless Assistance Grants under the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV). ESG-CV funds are to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic among individuals and families who are homeless or receiving homeless assistance. These funds also support additional homeless assistance and homeless prevention activities to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19. This amendment increases funding by \$1,250,000 to support additional administration, outreach, shelter case management, shelter operations, and rapid rehousing case management.

▪ Funding Amount and Source

This grant provides \$4,294,770 in funding through September 30, 2022 from the Washington State Department of Commerce. Council authorization for this grant is required as the additional funding provided by this amendment exceeds 10% of the amount previously authorized by Council.

Please contact Ann Beck, Human 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.

