



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: Lydia Place – Heart House Operations Contract Amendment #1

DATE: November 15, 2022

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

▪ **Background and Purpose**

This contract provides operational funding, mainly personnel and related costs, for Lydia Place's permanent supportive housing program known as Heart House. Heart House is an 11-unit housing facility that provides housing to families with children exiting homelessness and includes an on-site and licensed childcare facility. Families will be referred to the facility through the Whatcom Homeless Service Center and will be prioritized based on their vulnerability and barriers to independent housing. Heart House will provide a supportive environment with services to help families heal from past trauma, overcome behavioral health challenges and achieve healthy outcomes for parents and children alike. This amendment extends the contract for an additional year, increases funding to reflect an annual budget, adds new reporting requirements, and updates the County's Contract Administrator.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$63,000 is provided by HB 1406 (Affordable & Supportive Housing – Sales & Use Tax) Funds. These funds are included in the 2023 budget. Council approval is required as the additional funding provided by this amendment exceeds 10% of the budget authorized by Council on 06/07/2022.

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.

