



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director
RE: Washington State Department of Commerce – Consolidated Homeless Grant Amendment #4
DATE: February 10, 2023

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

▪ **Background and Purpose**

The Consolidated Homeless Grant (CHG) provides resources to obtain and maintain housing stability to people who are experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of homelessness. This grant supports the priorities outlined in the Whatcom County Plan to End Homelessness. Funding provided by this grant is passed through to partner agencies of the Whatcom Homeless Service Center for distribution to eligible people.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

This grant provides \$10,013,119 in funding for the 2021-2023 biennium. The additional funds provided by this amendment will be included in the 2023 budget. Council authorization is required as the additional funding provided by this amendment exceeds \$40,000, per WCC 3.06.010.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contracts**

Section	Revision Purpose
Attachment A – CHG Guidelines Addendum for the HEN FCS Bridge Funding	Adds a description and eligibility requirements for Foundational Community Support (FCS) funding.
Attachment B - Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adds \$157,120 in FCS funding to create a bridge period of rent assistance for households enrolled in FCS, prioritizing households enrolled in Supportive Employment, who no longer have a Housing and Essential Needs Referral from the Department of Social and Health Services due to increased income or other changes in eligibility. • Adds \$1,804,149 to support rental assistance for eviction prevention, case management, outreach, and administrative costs.

Please contact Chris D’Onofrio, Housing & Homeless Services Supervisor at 360-778-6049 (CDonofri@co.whatcom.wa.us) or Kathleen Roy, Financial & Administrative Manager at 360-778-6007 (KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us), if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request.