



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: SeaMar Community Health Centers – COVID-19 Temporary Housing Facility Contract Amendment #2

DATE: January 25, 2021

Attached is a contract amendment between Whatcom County and SeaMar 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 option to accomplish this, a temporary housing facility has been opened. This contract provides funding for SeaMar to support the daily operations at the facility. SeaMar has the necessary experience to accomplish this effort based on their current work as the provider of the Whatcom Ground-level Response and Coordinated Engagement (GRACE) Program. At the time amendment #1 was authorized by Council and approved by the County Executive, a source of funding to extend the contract beyond January 31st had yet to be identified. Funding from the Washington State Department of Health has since been identified and the purpose of this amendment is to extend the contract through 05/31/2021.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this extended contract period (02/01/21 – 05/31/2021) may not exceed \$95,460 and funding for the entire contract period (03/01/2020 – 05/31/2021) may not exceed \$357,976. Funds under the contract are made available by a grant awarded by the US Department of Treasury and subject to Section 601(a) of the Social Security Act, as amended by section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and Title V and VI of the CARES Act, passed thru the Washington State Department of Health Emergency Preparedness & Response COVID-19 Local CARES Grant (CFDA 21.019). These funds will be included in the 2021 budget. Council approval is not required per Whatcom County Code 3.08.100(A)(6) for contracts executed within the declaration of a county emergency.

Please contact Kathleen Roy at extension #6007 if you have any questions regarding this agreement.

Encl.

