



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: Lifeline Connections – Recovery House Contract

DATE: July 13, 2021

Attached is a contract between Whatcom County and Lifeline Connections for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

Recovery House is a residential level of care provided for people with substance use disorders (SUDs), usually after a stay in inpatient treatment. RH programs assist the individual with the adjustment back to community living and into long-term recovery from long term alcohol or other substance use disorders. The need for a recovery house has consistently ranked high in Whatcom County community surveys and forums. The Whatcom County Recovery House is uniquely dedicated to people with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders who are in, or diverting from, the criminal justice system. This contract supports a portion of the Recovery House Director's salary and program start-up costs.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$51,447, is provided by the Behavioral Health Program Fund and Criminal Justice Treatment Account (CJTA) which is administered through the Washington State Health Care Authority. These funds are included in the 2021 budget. Council approval is required as funding exceeds \$40,000.

Please contact Anne Deacon, Human Services Manager at 360-778-6054 (ADeacon@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.

