



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: Lydia Place – Shelter Grant Contract Amendment #3

DATE: August 2, 2021

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

- **Background and Purpose**

This contract provides year-round funding for four motel rooms to be used as emergency housing for families experiencing unsheltered homelessness and also funds supportive services to help those families exit their motel rooms into permanent housing. The purpose of this amendment is to increase funding by \$236,470 for motel rooms (to be used on an as-needed basis) and subsequent indirect costs to support additional families. Indirect costs for motel rooms were not included in the original contract due to limited available funding, however there is now sufficient funding to cover these costs, which are increased by the rent of each motel room, both in seeking vacant motel rooms and resolving issues with motel management.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$354,922, is provided by the Washington State Department of Commerce Shelter Program and Emergency Solutions COVID-19 (CFDA 14.231) Grants. These funds are included in the 2021 budget. Council approval is required, as additional funding provided by this amendment, exceeds 10% of the approved budget.

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.

