WHATCOM COUNTY

Health Department



Erika Lautenbach, Director Greg Stern, M.D., Health Officer

MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: Road2Home – COVID Temporary Housing Facility Contract

DATE: October 22, 2021

Attached is a contract between Whatcom County and Road2Home 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 options to accomplish such, Whatcom County opened a COVID-19 Temporary Housing Facility (Facility) in March of 2020. Road2Home will assume administrative oversight of daily operations at the Facility through 24/7 on-site support services to ensure operational, social distancing and public-health related concerns are addressed.

Funding Amount and Source

Funding for this contract may not exceed \$159,275. Funds under the contract are made available by a grant awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), passed through the Washington State Military Department (Funding Source Agreement #FEMA-4481-DR-WA) (CFDA 97.036, Public Assistance). Any ineligible costs under FEMA will be charged to other funding sources such as American Rescue Plan Act funding or unrestricted funding sources. These funds are included in the 2021 budget. Council approval is required as funding exceeds \$40,000.

Please contact Sue Sullivan, Environmental Health Manager at 360-778-6026 (<u>SSulliva@co.whatcom.wa.us</u>) or Kathleen Roy, Assistant Director at 360-778-6007 (<u>KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us</u>), if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request.

