

Message to CHG Lead Grantees that are county governments:

SUBJECT: Funds available today to counties for housing needed to respond to the COVID-19 Outbreak

Good morning,

Attached is a grant providing your county funding to:

- Create isolation and quarantine housing
- Create additional shelter capacity to replace shelter capacity lost when social distancing was increased
- Increase sanitation in existing homeless housing
- Other costs associated with addressing the public health needs of people experiencing homelessness or displaced from their former housing due to the COVID-19 outbreak

**The Department of Health is estimating that isolation and quarantine housing will need to be in place by early April to address the outbreak.**

The attached grant provides funding so counties can immediately respond to the crisis, and creates a mechanism for additional funding to be provided if necessary. Please work closely with your local public health jurisdiction to deploy these funds quickly. The grant terms are designed to be flexible, and can be amended in as little as two hours if necessary.

Please review the attached Grant Terms & Conditions and Guidelines. Please have an authorizing official sign the Grant Face Sheet, scan and email back to me. Commerce will immediately sign after receiving returned grants and email an executed copy as well as mail an original.

We are planning a conference call on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. You can join this call at:

We will launch a specific webpage for this Grant as soon as possible, please check back here frequently:  
<https://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/homelessness/>

If you have questions or concerns about the Grant or Guidelines, don't hesitate to contact Tedd Kelleher at (360) 725-2930, or Kathy Kinard at (360) 742-2118.