



## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

**FROM:** Erika Lautenbach, Director

**RE:** Opportunity Council – Whatcom Homeless Service Center Contract Amendment #4

**DATE:** June 18, 2021

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Attached is a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council for your review and signature.

- **Background and Purpose**

The Whatcom Homeless Service Center (WHSC) provides coordinated entry for the homeless housing system. The WHSC makes referrals to partner agencies for housing case management services, cultivates and maintains relationships with local landlords, and serves as liaison for homeless housing activities to the network of service providers and other community stakeholders. The purpose of this amendment is to extend the contract for an additional six months and include an additional \$112,000 in funding to support emergency shelter in motels from July through December and subsequent indirect costs.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract period (07/01/2021 – 12/31/2021) is not to exceed \$930,003 and funding for the total contract period (01/01/2021 – 12/31/2021) is not to exceed \$2,324,075. Funding is provided by the Washington State Department of Commerce Consolidated Homeless Grant, the federal Emergency Solutions-CV Grant (CFDA 14.231), local document recording fees, the Veteran's Assistance Fund, HB 1406, and Whatcom County's COVID Response Fund. These funds are included in the 2021 budget. Council approval is required as additional funding exceeds 10% of the approved budget.

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