



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director
RE: Pioneer Human Services – City Gate Permanent Supportive Housing Contract
DATE: November 19, 2020

Attached is a contract between Whatcom County and Pioneer Human Services for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

This contract provides funding for Pioneer Human Services to operate a permanent supportive housing program known as City Gate. City Gate provides ten housing units dedicated to veterans experiencing chronic homelessness and 26 units to ex-offenders who are in need of housing and are returning to Whatcom County under the supervision of the Washington State Department of Corrections, exiting the Whatcom County Jail, or individuals who are experiencing chronic homelessness. Up to 6 units at a time may be occupied by participants of the Mental Health Court Program. Case management and behavioral health services are also provided so that program participants can access necessary services and achieve housing stability.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$490,948, is provided by Mental Health millage, HB 2060 low-income housing funds, local document recording fees, and the Behavioral Health Program Fund. These funds will be included in the 2021 budget. Council approval is required as funding exceeds \$40,000.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contract**

This is a new contract, however, funding for these services has been provided through previous contracts between Whatcom County and Pioneer Human Services since 2011. This contract includes no significant changes from the contract that is currently in place (Whatcom County Contract #201611027). The Contractor maintains its determination as a sole source contractor for the services provided in this contract.

Please contact Kathleen Roy at extension #6007 if you have any questions regarding this agreement.

Encl.

