



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director
RE: Catholic Community Services – Francis Place Contract
DATE: MAY 12, 2023

Attached is a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Catholic Community Services for your review and signature.

- **Background and Purpose**

Francis Place is a forty-two unit apartment building that provides affordable, permanent supportive housing to individuals experiencing homelessness who have behavioral health disorders and/or require supportive housing to maintain stable housing. This contract provides partial funding to support 24/7/365 facility-based staffing to ensure a safe, supportive living environment conducive to housing stability and a recovery-oriented life for its tenants and a positive relationship with neighborhood residents and businesses.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$170,041, is provided by the Behavioral Health Program Fund and Document Recording Fees. These funds are included in the 2023 budget. Council approval is required as funding exceeds \$40,000.

- **Differences from Previous Contracts**

This is a new contract, however funding for these services has been provided through previous contracts since 2015. This initial term of this contract is six months so that the 2024 contract can align with a January through December budget period. There are no additional significant revisions to the scope of work in the contract ending on 06/30/2023 (WC Contract #201905015).

Please contact Ann Beck, Community Health and Human Services Supervisor at 360-778-6055 (ABeck@co.whatcom.wa.us) or Kathleen Roy, Financial & Administrative Manager at 360-778-6007 (KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us), if you have any questions.

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