



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: Opportunity Council – Housing Case Management Contract Amendment #2

DATE: November 10, 2021

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

- **Background and Purpose**

Housing Case Managers provide assistance to households to access housing, improve housing stability, and reduce homelessness through joint efforts between the Whatcom Homeless Service Center and the Community Services Division of the Opportunity Council. This contract provides funding for case management and supportive services to those individuals and households experiencing or at-risk of experiencing homelessness, or who are newly housed, in order to improve housing stability and reduce homelessness in Whatcom County. The purpose of this amendment is to extend the contract for an additional year and increase funding based on an annual budget rather than the previously approved 6-month budget.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$527,316, is provided by local document recording fees and the Washington State Department of Commerce Consolidated Homeless and Emergency Solutions COVID-19 Grants (CFDA 14.231). These funds will be included in the 2022 budget. Council approval is required as funding for this amendment exceeds 10% of the approved budget.

Please contact Ann Beck, Human Services Supervisor at 360-778-6055 (ABeck@co.whatcom.wa.us) or Kathleen Roy, Assistant Director at 360-778-6007 (KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us), if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request.

