



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Champ Thomaskutty, Director
RE: Opportunity Council – Healthy Children’s Fund Innovative Services Contract Amendment #1
DATE: MARCH 10, 2026

Attached is a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council for your review and signature. Please see the table below, ‘Differences from Previous Contracts’, for a description of the revisions proposed by this amendment.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

This contract expands services to eligible families utilizing the Single Entry Access to Services (SEAS) program, through the continued work of a Case Manager position. This position provides hands-on support for families with children ages prenatal through 5 years old, who face multiple risk factors, including those from medically underserved populations. Services provided to non-eligible clients will be funded by other sources.

When families call SEAS, they speak with a Navigator about their needs and are provided with a list of resources to get connected with to meet their child’s needs. Families have reported challenges to completing the follow-up process due to the many barriers they face. This Case Manager position will provide personalized assistance to families with children ages 0-5, including addressing the barriers to service access and improving overall engagement with developmental, basic needs, and mental health resources and referrals.

This contract aligns with the Healthy Children’s Fund Implementation Plan’s Strategy Six to support innovative approaches to meet various goals related to Early Learning and Care.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract period (04/01/2026 – 03/31/2027), in an amount not to exceed \$46,000, is the Healthy Children’s Fund. These funds are included in the 2026 budget. Council authorization is required as the cumulative amount of funding for this contract now exceeds \$75,000.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contracts**

Section	Differences
Original Contract – Section 10.2, Extension	Renews contract for one year.
Original Contract – Section 37.1, Notice and 37.2, Administration of Contract	Updates County Contract Administrator’s contact information.
Original Contract – Section 40.1, Modifications	Amends Exhibit A – Scope of Work to add the provision of services performed by the program’s Case Coordinator and update reporting and funding recognition requirements. Amends Exhibit B – Compensation to reflect the budget for the renewed contract period.
Exhibit A – Scope of Work	
Exhibit B - Compensation	

Please contact Ann Beck, Community Health and Human Services Manager at 360-778-6055 (ABeck@co.whatcom.wa.us) if you have any questions.