

WHATCOM COUNTY
CONTRACT INFORMATION SHEET

Whatcom County Contract Number:
202506024

Originating Department:		85 Health and Community Services	
Division/Program: (i.e. Dept. Division and Program)		8550 Human Services / 855040 Housing Program	
Contract or Grant Administrator:		Ashley Geleynse	
Contractor's / Agency Name:		Opportunity Council	
Is this a New Contract?	If not, is this an Amendment or Renewal to an Existing Contract?	Yes ☐	No ☐
Yes ☒	No ☐	If Amendment or Renewal, (per WCC 3.08.100 (a)) Original Contract #:	
Does contract require Council Approval?		Yes ☒	No ☐
Already approved? Council Approved Date:		If No, include WCC: (Exclusions see: Whatcom County Codes 3.06.010, 3.08.090 and 3.08.100)	
Is this a grant agreement?	If yes, grantor agency contract number(s):		ALN#
Yes ☐	No ☒		
Is this contract grant funded?	If yes, Whatcom County grant contract number(s):		202307017
Yes ☒	No ☐		
Method of Procurement:	W.C.C. 3.08.060 G.	Contract Cost Center:	18521005.6610
Is this agreement excluded from E-Verify?	No ☒	Yes ☐	
If YES, indicate exclusion(s) below:			
☐ Professional services agreement for certified/licensed professional.		☐ Goods and services provided due to an emergency.	
☐ Contract work is for less than \$100,000.		☐ Contract for Commercial off the shelf items (COTS).	
☐ Contract work is for less than 120 days.		☐ Work related subcontract less than \$25,000.	
☐ Interlocal Agreement (between Governments).		☐ Public Works - Local Agency/Federally Funded FHWA.	
Contract Amount:(sum of original contract amount and any prior amendments):		Council approval required for; all property leases, contracts or bid awards exceeding \$40,000 , and professional service contract amendments that have an increase greater than \$10,000 or 10% of contract amount, whichever is greater, except when:	
\$	3,409,883	1. Exercising an option contained in a contract previously approved by the council.	
This Amendment Amount:		2. Contract is for design, construction, r-o-w acquisition, prof. services, or other capital costs approved by council in a capital budget appropriation ordinance.	
\$		3. Bid or award is for supplies.	
Total Amended Amount:		4. Equipment is included in Exhibit "B" of the Budget Ordinance	
\$		5. Contract is for manufacturer's technical support and hardware maintenance of electronic systems and/or technical support and software maintenance from the developer of proprietary software currently used by Whatcom County.	
Summary of Scope: This contract provides funding for rent and utility assistance, essential needs item, and case management services for eligible participants.			
Contract Term Ends:		06/30/2027	
Contract Routing:	1. Prepared by:	J. Thomson	Date: 02/14/2025
	2. Health Budget Approval	PL/CR	Date: 05/30/2025
	3. Attorney signoff:	Christopher Quinn	Date: 05/30/2025
	4. AS Finance reviewed:	BBennett	Date: 06/12/2025
	5. IT reviewed (if IT related):		Date:
	6. Contractor Program Manager Review:	Initial DP	Date: 6/27/2025
	7. Executive Contract Review:	Initial JL	Date: 6/30/2025
	8. Council approved (if necessary):	AB2025-473	Date: 06/24/2025
	9. Executive signed:		Date: 6/30/2025
	10. Original to Council:		Date:



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Charlene Ramont, Interim Director
RE: Opportunity Council – Housing and Essential Needs Contract
DATE: JUNE 26, 2025

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

- **Background and Purpose**

The purpose of this contract is to provide rapid rehousing and homelessness prevention case management, rental assistance, utility assistance, and essential needs items to Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) and HEN Foundational Community Supports (FCS) Bridge- eligible households, whose eligibility is determined by the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS). HEN is a program within Washington State Department of Commerce's Consolidated Homeless Grant (CHG) and funding is passed through the County to the Opportunity Council for housing support (rent and utility assistance), essential needs items, and case management services for recipients whose eligibility is determined by the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS). This is a sole source contract with the Opportunity Council as the administrator of the Whatcom Homeless Service Center and Community Resource Center.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this two-year contract, in an amount not to exceed \$3,409,883 (\$887,684 in year 1 and \$2,522,199 in year 2), is provided by the CHG. These funds are included in the 2025 budget and will be included in the 2026-2027 budgets. Council authorization is required as funding for this contract exceeds \$40,000.

- **Differences from Previous Contracts**

This is a new contract, however funding for these purposes has been provided through previous contracts with the Opportunity Council since 2014. This contract standardizes contract language to align with contracts of similar types and adds a partner incident report and severe weather planning templates but no includes no significant changes from the contract ending on 06/30/2025 (WC Contract #202206019).

Please contact Christopher D'Onofrio, Housing and Homeless Services Supervisor at 360-778-6049 (CDonofri@co.whatcom.wa.us) if you have any questions.

Encl.



Whatcom County Contract Number:
202506024

**CONTRACT FOR SERVICES
Between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council**

Opportunity Council, hereinafter called **Contractor** and Whatcom County, hereinafter referred to as **County**, agree and contract as set forth in this Agreement, including:

General Conditions, pp. 3 to 13,
Exhibit A (Scope of Work), pp. 14 to 19,
Exhibit B (Compensation), pp. 20 to 24,
Exhibit C (Certificate of Insurance), p. 25,
Exhibit D (Flex Fund Guidelines), pp. 26 to 27,
Exhibit E (Incident Report Template), p. 28,
Exhibit F (Severe Weather Planning Template), pp. 29 to 30,
Exhibit G (Commerce Special Terms & Conditions), pp. 31 to 34,
Appendix I (Nonprofit Indirect Rate Agreement).

Copies of these items are attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as if fully set forth herein.

The term of this Agreement shall commence on the 1st day of July, 2025 and shall, unless terminated or renewed as elsewhere provided in the Agreement, terminate on the 30th day of June, 2027.

The general purpose or objective of this Agreement is to administer the Housing and Essential Needs Program, as more fully and definitively described in Exhibit A hereto. The language of Exhibit A controls in case of any conflict between it and that provided here.

The maximum consideration for the initial term of this agreement or for any renewal term authorized herein (if applicable) shall not exceed \$3,409,883. The Contract Number, set forth above, shall be included on all billings or correspondence in connection therewith.

Contractor acknowledges and by signing this contract agrees that the Indemnification provisions set forth in Paragraphs 11.1, 21.1, 30.1, 31.2, 32.1, and 34.2, if included, are totally and fully part of this contract and have been mutually negotiated by the parties.

Each person signing this Contract represents and warrants that he or she is duly authorized and has legal capacity to execute and deliver this Contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on: 6/30/2025

CONTRACTOR:

Opportunity Council
1111 Cornwall Avenue
Bellingham, WA 98225

Each signatory below to this Contract warrants that he/she is the authorized agent of the respective party; and that he/she has the authority to enter into the contract and to bind the party thereto.

Signed by:

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Greg Winter, Executive Director
6/27/2025
Date

WHATCOM COUNTY:

Recommended for Approval:

DocuSigned by:

Ann Beck

6/27/2025

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Ann Beck, Community Health and Human Services Manager

Date

Signed by:

Charlene Ramont

6/27/2025

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Charlene Ramont, Interim Health and Community Services Director

Date

Approved as to form:

Signed by:

Christopher Quinn

6/30/2025

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Christopher Quinn, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor

Date

Approved:

Accepted for Whatcom County:

DocuSigned by:

Satpal Singh Sidhu

6/30/2025

By:

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Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive

Date

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION:

Opportunity Council

1111 Cornwall Avenue

Bellingham, WA 98225

Greg_Winter@oppco.org

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Series 00-09: Provisions Related to Scope and Nature of Services

0.1 Scope of Services:

The Contractor agrees to provide to the County services and any materials as set forth in the project narrative identified as Exhibit "A", during the agreement period. No material, labor, or facilities will be furnished by the County, unless otherwise provided for in the Agreement.

Series 10-19: Provisions Related to Term and Termination

10.1 Term:

Services provided by Contractor prior to or after the term of this contract shall be performed at the expense of Contractor and are not compensable under this contract unless both parties hereto agree to such provision in writing. The term of this Agreement may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties; provided, however, that the Agreement is in writing and signed by both parties.

10.2 Extension:

The duration, consideration and other terms and conditions of this Agreement may be extended after the initial term of this Agreement by mutual written consent of the parties.

Extensions may be for a period of up to two years per extension, and for a cumulative total of no longer than four years, including the original term.

11.1 Termination for Default:

If the Contractor defaults by failing to perform any of the obligations of the contract or becomes insolvent or is declared bankrupt or commits any act of bankruptcy or insolvency or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, the County may, by depositing written notice to the Contractor in the U.S. mail, first class postage prepaid, terminate the contract, and at the County's option, obtain performance of the work elsewhere. Termination shall be effective upon Contractor's receipt of the written notice, or within three (3) days of the mailing of the notice, whichever occurs first. If the contract is terminated for default, the Contractor shall not be entitled to receive any further payments under the contract until all work called for has been fully performed. Any extra cost or damage to the County resulting from such default(s) shall be deducted from any money due or coming due to the Contractor. The Contractor shall bear any extra expenses incurred by the County in completing the work, including all increased costs for completing the work, and all damage sustained, or which may be sustained by the County by reason of such default.

11.2 Termination for Reduction in Funding:

In the event that funding from State, Federal or other sources is withdrawn, reduced, or limited in any way after the effective date of this Agreement, and prior to its normal completion, the County may summarily terminate this Agreement as to the funds withdrawn, reduced, or limited, notwithstanding any other termination provisions of this Agreement. If the level of funding withdrawn, reduced or limited is so great that the County deems that the continuation of the programs covered by this Agreement is no longer in the best interest of the County, the County may summarily terminate this Agreement in whole, notwithstanding any other termination provisions of this Agreement. Termination under this section shall be effective upon receipt of written notice as specified herein, or within three days of the mailing of the notice, whichever occurs first.

11.3 Termination for Public Convenience:

The County may terminate the Agreement in whole or in part whenever the County determines, in its sole discretion, that such termination is in the interests of the County. Whenever the Agreement is terminated in accordance with this paragraph, the Contractor shall be entitled to payment for actual work performed at unit contract prices for completed items of work. An equitable adjustment in the contract price for partially completed items of work will be made, but such adjustment shall not include provision for loss of anticipated profit on deleted or uncompleted work. Termination of this Agreement by the County at any time during the term, whether for default or convenience, shall not constitute breach of contract by the County.

Series 20-29: Provisions Related to Consideration and Payments

20.1 Accounting and Payment for Contractor Services:

Payment to the Contractor for services rendered under this Agreement shall be as set forth in Exhibit "B." Where Exhibit "B" requires payments by the County, payment shall be based upon written claims supported, unless otherwise provided in Exhibit "B," by documentation of units of work actually performed and amounts earned, including, where appropriate, the actual number of days worked each month, total number of hours for the month, and the total dollar payment requested, so as to comply with municipal auditing requirements.

Unless specifically stated in Exhibit "B" or approved in writing in advance by the official executing this Agreement for the County or his designee (hereinafter referred to as the "Administrative Officer") the County will not reimburse the Contractor for any costs or expenses incurred by the Contractor in the performance of this contract. Where required, the County shall, upon receipt of appropriate documentation, compensate the Contractor, no more often than monthly, in accordance with the County's customary procedures, pursuant to the fee schedule set forth in Exhibit "B."

21.1 Taxes:

The Contractor understands and acknowledges that the County will not withhold Federal or State income taxes. Where required by State or Federal law, the Contractor authorizes the County to withhold for any taxes other than income taxes (i.e., Medicare). All compensation received by the Contractor will be reported to the Internal Revenue Service at the end of the calendar year in accordance with the applicable IRS regulations. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to make the necessary estimated tax payments throughout the year, if any, and the Contractor is solely liable for any tax obligation arising from the Contractor's performance of this Agreement. The Contractor hereby agrees to indemnify the County against any demand to pay taxes arising from the Contractor's failure to pay taxes on compensation earned pursuant to this Agreement.

The County will pay sales and use taxes imposed on goods or services acquired hereunder as required by law. The Contractor must pay all other taxes, including, but not limited to, Business and Occupation Tax, taxes based on the Contractor's gross or net income, or personal property to which the County does not hold title. The County is exempt from Federal Excise Tax.

22.1 Withholding Payment:

In the event the County's Administrative Officer determines that the Contractor has failed to perform any obligation under this Agreement within the times set forth in this Agreement, then the County may withhold from amounts otherwise due and payable to Contractor the amount determined by the County as necessary to cure the default, until the Administrative Officer determines that such failure to perform has been cured. Withholding under this clause shall not be deemed a breach entitling Contractor to termination or damages, provided that the County promptly gives notice in writing to the Contractor of the nature of the default or failure to perform, and in no case more than 10 days after it determines to withhold amounts otherwise due. A determination of the Administrative Officer set forth in a notice to the Contractor of the action required and/or the amount required to cure any alleged failure to perform shall be deemed conclusive, except to the extent that the Contractor acts within the times and in strict accord with the provisions of the Disputes clause of this Agreement. The County may act in accordance with any determination of the Administrative Officer which has become conclusive under this clause, without prejudice to any other remedy under the Agreement, to take all or any of the following actions: (1) cure any failure or default, (2) to pay any amount so required to be paid and to charge the same to the account of the Contractor, (3) to set off any amount so paid or incurred from amounts due or to become due the Contractor. In the event the Contractor obtains relief upon a claim under the Disputes clause, no penalty or damages shall accrue to Contractor by reason of good faith withholding by the County under this clause.

23.1 Labor Standards:

The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable state and federal requirements, including but not limited to those pertaining to payment of wages and working conditions, in accordance with RCW 39.12.040, the Prevailing Wage Act; the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; the Davis-Bacon Act; and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act providing for weekly payment of prevailing wages, minimum overtime pay, and providing that no laborer or mechanic shall be required to work in surroundings or under conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to health and safety as determined by regulations promulgated by the Federal Secretary of Labor and the State of Washington.

Series 30-39: Provisions Related to Administration of Agreement

30.1 Independent Contractor:

The Contractor's services shall be furnished by the Contractor as an independent contractor, and nothing herein contained shall be construed to create a relationship of employer-employee or master-servant, but all payments made hereunder

and all services performed shall be made and performed pursuant to this Agreement by the Contractor as an independent contractor.

The Contractor acknowledges that the entire compensation for this Agreement is specified in Exhibit "B" and the Contractor is not entitled to any benefits including, but not limited to: vacation pay, holiday pay, sick leave pay, medical, dental, or other insurance benefits, or any other rights or privileges afforded to employees of the County. The Contractor represents that he/she/it maintains a separate place of business, serves clients other than the County, will report all income and expense accrued under this contract to the Internal Revenue Service, and has a tax account with the State of Washington Department of Revenue for payment of all sales and use and Business and Occupation taxes collected by the State of Washington.

Contractor will defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, its officers, agents or employees from any loss or expense, including, but not limited to, settlements, judgments, setoffs, attorneys' fees or costs incurred by reason of claims or demands because of breach of the provisions of this paragraph

30.2 Assignment and Subcontracting:

The performance of all activities contemplated by this agreement shall be accomplished by the Contractor. No portion of this contract may be assigned or subcontracted to any other individual, firm or entity without the express and prior written approval of the County.

30.3 No Guarantee of Employment:

The performance of all or part of this contract by the Contractor shall not operate to vest any employment rights whatsoever and shall not be deemed to guarantee any employment of the Contractor or any employee of the Contractor or any subcontractor or any employee of any subcontractor by the County at the present time or in the future.

31.1 Ownership of Items Produced and Public Records Act:

All writings, programs, data, public records or other materials prepared by the Contractor and/or its consultants or subcontractors, in connection with performance of this Agreement, shall be the sole and absolute property of the County. If the Contractor creates any copyrightable materials or invents any patentable property, the Contractor may copyright or patent the same, but the County retains a royalty-free, nonexclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, recover, or otherwise use the materials or property and to authorize other governments to use the same for state or local governmental purposes. Contractor further agrees to make research, notes, and other work products produced in the performance of this Agreement available to the County upon request.

Ownership. Any and all data, writings, programs, public records, reports, analyses, documents, photographs, pamphlets, plans, specifications, surveys, films or any other materials created, prepared, produced, constructed, assembled, made, performed or otherwise produced by the Contractor or the Contractor's subcontractors or consultants for delivery to the County under this Contract shall be the sole and absolute property of the County. Such property shall constitute "work made for hire" as defined by the U.S. Copyright Act of 1976, 17 U.S.C. § 101, and the ownership of the copyright and any other intellectual property rights in such property shall vest in the County at the time of its creation. Ownership of the intellectual property includes the right to copyright, patent, and register, and the ability to transfer these rights. Material which the Contractor uses to perform this Contract but is not created, prepared, constructed, assembled, made, performed or otherwise produced for or paid for by the County is owned by the Contractor and is not "work made for hire" within the terms of this Agreement.

Public Records Act. This Contract and all records associated with this Contract shall be available for inspection and copying by the public where required by the Public Records Act, Chapter 42.56 RCW (the "Act"). To the extent that public records then in the custody of the Contractor are needed for the County to respond to a request under the Act, as determined by the County, the Contractor agrees to make them promptly available to the County at no cost to the County. If the Contractor considers any portion of any record provided to the County under this Agreement, whether in electronic or hard copy form, to be protected from disclosure under law, the Contractor shall clearly identify any specific information that it claims to be confidential or proprietary. If the County receives a request under the Act to inspect or copy the information so identified by the Contractor and the County determines that release of the information is required by the Act or otherwise appropriate, the County's sole obligations shall be to notify the Contractor (a) of the request and (b) of the date that such information will be released to the requester unless the Contractor obtains a court order to enjoin that disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56.540. If the Contractor fails to timely obtain a court order enjoining disclosure, the County will release the requested information on the date specified.

The County has, and by this section assumes, no obligation on behalf of the Contractor to claim any exemption from disclosure under the Act. The County shall not be liable to the Contractor for releasing records not clearly identified by the Contractor as confidential or proprietary. The County shall not be liable to the Contractor for any records that the County releases in compliance with this section or in compliance with an order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

The Contractor shall be liable to the requester for any and all fees, costs, penalties or damages imposed or alleged as a result of the Contractor's failure to provide adequate or timely records.

This provision and the obligations it establishes shall remain in effect after the expiration of this contract.

31.2 Patent/Copyright Infringement:

Contractor will defend and indemnify the County from any claimed action, cause or demand brought against the County, to the extent such action is based on the claim that information supplied by the Contractor infringes any patent or copyright. The Contractor will pay those costs and damages attributable to any such claims that are finally awarded against the County in any action. Such defense and payments are conditioned upon the following:

A. The Contractor shall be notified promptly in writing by the County of any notice of such claim.

B. Contractor shall have the right, hereunder, at its option and expense, to obtain for the County the right to continue using the information, in the event such claim of infringement, is made, provided no reduction in performance or loss results to the County.

32.1 Confidentiality:

The Contractor, its employees, subcontractors, and their employees shall maintain the confidentiality of all information provided by the County or acquired by the Contractor in performance of this Agreement, except upon the prior written consent of the County or an order entered by a court after having acquired jurisdiction over the County. Contractor shall immediately give to the County notice of any judicial proceeding seeking disclosure of such information. Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the County, its officials, agents or employees from all loss or expense, including, but not limited to, settlements, judgments, setoffs, attorneys' fees and costs resulting from Contractor's breach of this provision.

33.1 Right to Review:

This contract is subject to review by any Federal, State or County auditor. The County or its designee shall have the right to review and monitor the financial and service components of this program by whatever means are deemed expedient by the Administrative Officer or by the County Auditor's Office. Such review may occur with or without notice and may include, but is not limited to, on-site inspection by County agents or employees, inspection of all records or other materials which the County deems pertinent to the Agreement and its performance, and any and all communications with or evaluations by service recipients under this Agreement. The Contractor shall preserve and maintain all financial records and records relating to the performance of work under this Agreement for three (3) years after contract termination, and shall make them available for such review, within Whatcom County, State of Washington, upon request. Contractor also agrees to notify the Administrative Officer in advance of any inspections, audits, or program review by any individual, agency, or governmental unit whose purpose is to review the services provided within the terms of this Agreement. If no advance notice is given to the Contractor, then the Contractor agrees to notify the Administrative Officer as soon as it is practical.

34.1 Insurance

The Contractor shall, at its own expense, obtain and continuously maintain the following insurance coverage for the duration of this contract, which shall include insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damage to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, subcontractors or employees. All insurers providing such insurance shall have an A.M. Best Rating of not less than A- (or otherwise be acceptable to the County) and be licensed to do business in the State of Washington and admitted by the Washington State Insurance Commissioner. Coverage limits shall be the minimum limits identified in this Contract or the coverage limits provided or available under the policies maintained by the Contractor without regard to this Contract, whichever are greater.

1. Commercial General Liability

Property Damage	\$500,000.00, per occurrence
General Liability & bodily injury	\$1,000,000.00, per occurrence
Annual Aggregate	\$2,000,000.00

At least as broad as ISO form CG 00 01 or the equivalent, which coverage shall include personal injury, bodily injury and property damage for Premises Operations, Products and Completed Operations, Personal/Advertising Injury, Contractual Liability, Independent Contractor Liability, medical payments and Stop Gap/Employer's Liability. Coverage shall not exclude or contain sub-limits less than the minimum limits required, unless approved in writing by the County.

2. Business Automobile Liability

\$1,000,000.00 Minimum, per occurrence

\$2,000,000.00 Minimum, Annual Aggregate

Contractor shall provide auto liability coverage for owned, non-owned and hired autos using ISO Business Auto Coverage form CA 00 01 or the exact equivalent with a limit of no less than \$1,000,000 per accident. If Contractor owns no vehicles this requirement may be met through a non-owned auto Endorsement to the CGL policy.

3. Additional Insurance Requirements and Provisions

- a. All insurance policies shall provide coverage on an occurrence basis.
- b. Additional Insureds. Whatcom County, its departments, elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and volunteers shall be included as additional insureds on Contractor's and Contractor's subcontractors' insurance policies by way of endorsement for the full available limits of insurance required in this contract or maintained by the Contractor and subcontractor, whichever is greater.
- c. Primary and Non-contributory Insurance. Contractor shall provide primary insurance coverage and the County's insurance shall be non-contributory. Any insurance, self-insured retention, deductible, risk retention or insurance pooling maintained or participated in by the County shall be excess and non-contributory to Contractor's insurance.
- d. Waiver of Subrogation. The insurance policy shall provide a waiver of subrogation with respect to each insurance policy maintained under this Contract. When required by an insurer, or if a policy condition does not permit Contractor to enter into a pre-loss agreement to waive subrogation without an endorsement, then Contractor agrees to notify the insurer and obtain such endorsement. This requirement shall not apply to any policy which includes a condition expressly prohibiting waiver of subrogation by the insured or which voids coverage should the Contractor enter into such a waiver of subrogation on a pre-loss basis.
- e. Review of and Revision of Policy Provisions. Upon request, the Contractor shall provide a full and complete certified copy of all requested insurance policies to the County. The County reserves the right, but not the obligation, to revise any insurance requirement, including but not limited to limits, coverages and endorsements, or to reject any insurance policies which fail to meet the requirements of this Contract. Additionally, the County reserves the right, but not the obligation, to review and reject any proposed insurer providing coverage based upon the insurer's financial condition or licensing status in Washington.
- f. Verification of Coverage/Certificates and Endorsements. The Contractor shall furnish the County with a certificate of insurance and endorsements required by this contract. The certificates and endorsements for each policy shall be signed by a person authorized by the insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. The certificate and endorsements for each insurance policy are to be on forms approved by the County prior to commencement of activities associated with the contract. The certificate and endorsements, and renewals thereof, shall be attached hereto as Exhibit "C". If Exhibit C is not attached, the Contractor must submit the certificate and endorsements required in this contract to the County prior to the commencement of any work on the contracted project. A certificate alone is insufficient proof of the required insurance; endorsements must be included with the certificate. The certificate of insurance must reflect the insurance required in this contract, including appropriate limits, insurance coverage dates, per occurrence, and in the description of operations, include the County project, Whatcom County, its departments, officials, employees, agents and volunteers as additional insureds, primary, non-contributory, and waiver of subrogation.
- g. The County must be notified immediately in writing of any cancellation of the policy, exhaustion of aggregate limits, notice of intent not to renew insurance coverage, expiration of policy or change in insurer carrier. Contractor shall always provide the County with a current copy of the certificate and endorsements throughout the duration of the contract.

- h. No Limitation on Liability. The insurance maintained under this Contract shall not in any manner limit the liability or qualify the liabilities or obligations of the Contractor to the coverage provided by such insurance, or otherwise limit the County's recourse to any remedy available at law or equity.
- i. Payment Conditioned on Insurance and Failure to Maintain Insurance. Compensation and/or payments due to the Contractor under this Contract are expressly conditioned upon the Contractor's compliance with all insurance requirements. Failure on the part of the Contractor to maintain the insurance as required shall constitute a material breach of contract. Payment to the Contractor may be suspended in the event of non-compliance, upon which the County may, after giving five business days' notice to the Contractor to correct the breach, immediately terminate the contract or, at its discretion, procure or renew such insurance and pay any and all premiums in connection therewith, with any sums so expended to be repaid to the County on demand or offset against funds due the Contractor. Upon receipt of evidence of Contractor's compliance, payments not otherwise subject to withholding or set-off will be released to the Contractor.
- j. Workers' Compensation. The Contractor shall maintain Workers' Compensation coverage as required under the Washington State Industrial Insurance Act, RCW Title 51, for all Contractors' employees, agents and volunteers eligible for such coverage under the Industrial Insurance Act.
- k. Failure of the Contractor to take out and/or maintain required insurance shall not relieve the Contractor or subcontractors from any liability under the contract, nor shall the insurance requirements be construed to conflict with or otherwise limit the obligations concerning indemnification. The County does not waive any insurance requirements even in the event the certificate or endorsements provided by the Contractor were insufficient or inadequate proof of coverage but not objected to by the County. The County's failure to confirm adequate proof of insurance requirements does not constitute a waiver of the Contractor's insurance requirements under this Contract.
- l. Availability of Contractor Limits. If the Contractor maintains higher insurance limits than the minimums shown above, the County shall be insured for the full available limits, including Excess or Umbrella liability maintained by the Contractor, irrespective of whether such limits maintained by the Contractor are greater than those required by this contract or whether any certificate furnished to the County evidences limits of liability lower than those maintained by the Contractor.
- m. Insurance for Subcontractors. If the Contractor subcontracts (if permitted in the contract) any portion of this Contract, the Contractor shall include all subcontractors as insureds under its policies or shall require separate certificates of insurance and policy endorsements from each subcontractor. Insurance coverages by subcontractors must comply with the insurance requirements of the Contractor in this contract and shall be subject to all of the requirements stated herein, including naming the County as additional insured.
- n. The Contractor agrees Contractor's insurance obligation shall survive the completion or termination of this Contract for a minimum period of three years.

34.2 Defense & Indemnity Agreement. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the County and its departments, elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and volunteers, harmless from and against any and all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including but not limited to court costs, attorney's fees, and alternative dispute resolution costs, for any personal injury, for any bodily injury, sickness, disease, or death and for any damage to or destruction of any property (including the loss of use resulting therefrom) which: 1) are caused in whole or in part by any error, act or omission, negligent or otherwise, of the Contractor, its employees, agents or volunteers or Contractor's subcontractors and their employees, agents or volunteers; or 2) directly or indirectly arise out of or occur in connection with performance of this Contract or 3) are based upon the Contractor's or its subcontractors' use of, presence upon, or proximity to the property of the County. This indemnification obligation of the Contractor shall not apply in the limited circumstance where the claim, damage, loss, or expense is caused by the sole negligence of the County.

Should a court of competent jurisdiction determine that this contract is subject to RCW 4.24.115, then in the event of concurrent negligence of the Contractor, its subcontractors, employees or agents, and the County, its employees or agents, this indemnification obligation of the Contractor shall be valid and enforceable only to the extent of the negligence of the Contractor, its subcontractors, employees, and agents. This indemnification obligation of the Contractor shall not be limited in any way by the Washington State Industrial Insurance Act, RCW Title 51, or by application of any other workmen's compensation act, disability benefit act or other employee benefit act, and the Contractor hereby expressly waives any immunity afforded by such acts.

It is further provided that no liability shall attach to the County by reason of entering into this contract, except as expressly provided herein. The parties specifically agree that this Contract is for the benefit of the parties only and this Contract shall create no rights in any third party. The County reserves the right, but not the obligation, to participate in the defense of any claim, damages, losses, or expenses, and such participation shall not constitute a waiver of Contractor's indemnity obligations under this Agreement.

In the event the Contractor enters into subcontracts to the extent allowed under this Contract, the Contractor's subcontractors shall indemnify the County on a basis equal to or exceeding Contractor's indemnity obligations to the County. The Contractor shall pay all attorney's fees and expenses incurred by the County in establishing and enforcing the County's rights under this indemnification provision, whether or not suit was instituted.

The Contractor agrees all Contractor's indemnity obligations shall survive the completion, expiration or termination of this Agreement. The foregoing indemnification obligations of the Contractor are a material inducement to County to enter into this Agreement and are reflected in the Contractor's compensation.

By signing this contract, the Contractor acknowledges that it has freely negotiated and agreed to the indemnification requirements to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County from all claims and suits including those brought against the County by the Contractor's own employees, arising from this contract.

35.1 Non-Discrimination in Employment:

The County's policy is to provide equal opportunity in all terms, conditions and privileges of employment for all qualified applicants and employees without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation (including gender identity), age, marital status, disability, or veteran status. The Contractor shall comply with all laws prohibiting discrimination against any employee or applicant for employment on the grounds of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation (including gender identity), age, marital status, disability, political affiliation, or veteran status, except where such constitutes a bona fide occupational qualification.

Furthermore, in those cases in which the Contractor is governed by such laws, the Contractor shall take affirmative action to insure that applicants are employed, and treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation (including gender identity), disability, or veteran status, except where such constitutes a bona fide occupational qualification. Such action shall include, but not be limited to: advertising, hiring, promotions, layoffs or terminations, rate of pay or other forms of compensation benefits, selection for training including apprenticeship, and participation in recreational and educational activities. In all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by them or on their behalf, the Contractor shall state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

The foregoing provisions shall also be binding upon any subcontractor, provided that the foregoing provision shall not apply to contracts or subcontractors for standard commercial supplies or raw materials, or to sole proprietorships with no employees.

35.2 Non-Discrimination in Client Services:

The Contractor shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation (including gender identity), disability, or veteran status; or deny an individual or business any service or benefits under this Agreement unless otherwise allowed by applicable law; or subject an individual or business to segregation or separate treatment in any manner related to his/her/its receipt any service or services or other benefits provided under this Agreement unless otherwise allowed by applicable law; or deny an individual or business an opportunity to participate in any program provided by this Agreement unless otherwise allowed by applicable law.

36.1 Waiver of Noncompetition:

Contractor irrevocably waives any existing rights which it may have, by contract or otherwise, to require another person or corporation to refrain from submitting a proposal to or performing work or providing supplies to the County, and contractor further promises that it will not in the future, directly or indirectly, induce or solicit any person or corporation to refrain from submitting a bid or proposal to or from performing work or providing supplies to the County.

36.2 Conflict of Interest:

If at any time prior to commencement of, or during the term of this Agreement, Contractor or any of its employees involved in the performance of this Agreement shall have or develop an interest in the subject matter of this Agreement that is potentially in conflict with the County's interest, then Contractor shall immediately notify the County of the same. The notification of the County shall be made with sufficient specificity to enable the County to make an informed judgment as

to whether or not the County's interest may be compromised in any manner by the existence of the conflict, actual or potential. Thereafter, the County may require the Contractor to take reasonable steps to remove the conflict of interest. The County may also terminate this contract according to the provisions herein for termination.

37.1 Administration of Contract:

This Agreement shall be subject to all laws, rules, and regulations of the United States of America, the State of Washington, and political subdivisions of the State of Washington. The Contractor also agrees to comply with applicable federal, state, county or municipal standards for licensing, certification and operation of facilities and programs, and accreditation and licensing of individuals.

The County hereby appoints, and the Contractor hereby accepts, the Whatcom County Executive, and his or her designee, as the County's representative, hereinafter referred to as the Administrative Officer, for the purposes of administering the provisions of this Agreement, including the County's right to receive and act on all reports and documents, and any auditing performed by the County related to this Agreement. The Administrative Officer for purposes of this agreement is:

Ashley Geleynse, Program Specialist
Whatcom County Health and Community Services

37.2 Notice:

Any notices or communications required or permitted to be given by this Contract must be (i) given in writing and (ii) personally delivered or mailed, by prepaid, certified mail or overnight courier, or transmitted by electronic mail transmission (including PDF), to the party to whom such notice or communication is directed, to the mailing address or regularly-monitored electronic mail address of such party as follows:

Whatcom County Health and Community Services
Ashley Geleynse, Program Specialist
509 Girard Street
Bellingham, WA 98225
AGeelyns@co.whatcom.wa.us

Opportunity Council
Greg Winter, Executive Director
1111 Cornwall Avenue
Bellingham, WA 98225
Greg_Winter@oppco.org

Any such notice or communication shall be deemed to have been given on (i) the day such notice or communication is personally delivered, (ii) three (3) days after such notice or communication is mailed by prepaid certified or registered mail, (iii) one (1) working day after such notice or communication is sent by overnight courier, or (iv) the day such notice or communication is sent electronically, provided that the sender has received a confirmation of such electronic transmission. A party may, for purposes of this Agreement, change his, her or its address, email address or the person to whom a notice or other communication is marked to the attention of, by giving notice of such change to the other party pursuant to this Section.

37.3 If agreed by the parties, this Contract may be executed by Email transmission and PDF signature and Email transmission and PDF signature shall constitute an original for all purposes.

38.1 Certification of Public Works Contractor's Status under State Law:

If applicable, Contractor certifies that it has fully met the responsibility criteria required of public works contractors under RCW 39.04.350 (1), which include: (a) having a certificate of registration in compliance with RCW 18.27; (b) having a current state unified business identifier number; (c) if applicable, having industrial insurance coverage for its employees working in Washington as required in Title 51 RCW, an employment security department number as required in Title 50 RCW, and a state excise tax registration number as required in Title 82 RCW; and (d) not being disqualified from bidding on any public works contract under RCW 39.06.010 or 39.12.065 (3).

38.2 Certification Regarding Federal Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions:

If applicable, the Contractor further certifies, by executing this contract, that neither it nor its principles is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or Agency.

The Contractor also agrees that it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transactions (a transaction between the Contractor and any other person) with a person who is proposed for debarment, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, and the Contractor agrees to include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Federal Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transaction" without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier transactions.

The "Excluded Parties List System in the System for Award Management (SAM) website is available to research this information at WWW.SAM.GOV. Contractor shall immediately notify Whatcom County if, during the term of this Contract, Contractor becomes debarred.

38.3 E-Verify:

The E-Verify contractor program for Whatcom County applies to contracts of \$100,000 or more and sub contracts for \$25,000 or more if the primary contract is for \$100,000 or more. If applicable, Contractor represents and warrants that it will, for at least the duration of this contract, register and participate in the status verification system for all newly hired employees. The term "employee" as used herein means any person that is hired to perform work for Whatcom County. As used herein, "status verification system" means the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1996 that is operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, also known as the E-Verify Program, or any other successor electronic verification system replacing the E-Verify Program. Contractor/Seller agrees to maintain records of such compliance and, upon request of the County, to provide a copy of each such verification to the County. Contractor/Seller further represents and warrants that any person assigned to perform services hereunder meets the employment eligibility requirements of all immigration laws of the State of Washington. Contractor/Seller understands and agrees that any breach of these warranties may subject Contractor/Seller to the following: (a) termination of this Agreement and ineligibility for any Whatcom County contract for up to three (3) years, with notice of such cancellation/termination being made public. In the event of such termination/cancellation, Contractor/Seller would also be liable for any additional costs incurred by the County due to contract cancellation or loss of license or permit." Contractor will review and enroll in the E-Verify program through this website: www.uscis.gov

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40.1 Modifications:

Either party may request changes in the Agreement. Any and all agreed modifications, to be valid and binding upon either party, shall be in writing and signed by both of the parties.

40.2 Contractor Commitments, Warranties and Representations:

Any written commitment received from the Contractor concerning this Agreement shall be binding upon the Contractor, unless otherwise specifically provided herein with reference to this paragraph. Failure of the Contractor to fulfill such a commitment shall render the Contractor liable for damages to the County. A commitment includes, but is not limited to, any representation made prior to execution of this Agreement, whether or not incorporated elsewhere herein by reference, as to performance of services or equipment, prices or options for future acquisition to remain in effect for a fixed period, or warranties.

41.1 Severability:

If any term or condition of this contract or the application thereof to any person(s) or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other terms, conditions or applications which can be given effect without the invalid term, condition or application. To this end, the terms and conditions of this contract are declared severable.

41.2 Waiver:

Waiver of any breach or condition of this contract shall not be deemed a waiver of any prior or subsequent breach. No term or condition of this contract shall be held to be waived, modified or deleted except by an instrument, in writing, signed by the parties hereto. The failure of the County to insist upon strict performance of any of the covenants and agreements of this Agreement, or to exercise any option herein conferred in any one or more instances, shall not be construed to be a

waiver or relinquishment of any such, or any other covenants or agreements, but the same shall be and remain in full force and effect.

42.1 Disputes:

a. General:

Differences between the Contractor and the County, arising under and by virtue of the Contract Documents, shall be brought to the attention of the County at the earliest possible time in order that such matters may be settled or other appropriate action promptly taken. Except for such objections as are made of record in the manner hereinafter specified and within the time limits stated, the records, orders, rulings, instructions, and decisions of the Administrative Officer shall be final and conclusive.

b. Notice of Potential Claims:

The Contractor shall not be entitled to additional compensation which otherwise may be payable, or to extension of time for (1) any act or failure to act by the Administrative Officer or the County, or (2) the happening of any event or occurrence, unless the Contractor has given the County a written Notice of Potential Claim within ten (10) days of the commencement of the act, failure, or event giving rise to the claim, and before final payment by the County. The written Notice of Potential Claim shall set forth the reasons for which the Contractor believes additional compensation or extension of time is due, the nature of the cost involved, and insofar as possible, the amount of the potential claim. Contractor shall keep full and complete daily records of the work performed, labor and material used, and all costs and additional time claimed to be additional.

c. Detailed Claim:

The Contractor shall not be entitled to claim any such additional compensation, or extension of time, unless within thirty (30) days of the accomplishment of the portion of the work from which the claim arose, and before final payment by the County, the Contractor has given the County a detailed written statement of each element of cost or other compensation requested and of all elements of additional time required, and copies of any supporting documents evidencing the amount or the extension of time claimed to be due.

d. Arbitration:

Other than claims for injunctive relief, temporary restraining order, or other provisional remedy to preserve the status quo or prevent irreparable harm, brought by a party hereto (which may be brought either in court or pursuant to this arbitration provision), and consistent with the provisions hereinabove, any claim, dispute or controversy between the parties under, arising out of, or related to this Contract or otherwise, including issues of specific performance, shall be determined by arbitration in Bellingham, Washington, under the applicable American Arbitration Association (AAA) rules in effect on the date hereof, as modified by this Agreement. There shall be one arbitrator selected by the parties within ten (10) days of the arbitration demand, or if not, by the AAA or any other group having similar credentials. Any issue about whether a claim is covered by this Contract shall be determined by the arbitrator. The arbitrator shall apply substantive law and may award injunctive relief, equitable relief (including specific performance), or any other remedy available from a judge but shall not have the power to award punitive damages. Each Party shall pay all their own costs, attorney fees and expenses of arbitration and the parties shall share equally in the Arbitrator's fees and costs. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding and an order confirming the award or judgment upon the award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction. The parties agree that the decision of the arbitrator shall be the sole and exclusive remedy between them regarding any dispute presented or pled before the arbitrator. At the request of either party made not later than forty-five (45) days after the arbitration demand, the parties agree to submit the dispute to nonbinding mediation, which shall not delay the arbitration hearing date; provided, that either party may decline to mediate and proceed with arbitration.

Any arbitration proceeding commenced to enforce or interpret this Contract shall be brought within six years after the initial occurrence giving rise to the claim, dispute, or issue for which arbitration is commenced, regardless of the date of discovery or whether the claim, dispute, or issue was continuing in nature. Claims, disputes, or issues arising more than six years prior to a written request or demand for arbitration issued under this Contract are not subject to arbitration.

e. The parties may agree in writing signed by both parties that a claim or dispute may be brought in Whatcom County Superior Court rather than mediation or arbitration.

Unless otherwise specified herein, this Contract shall be governed by the laws of Whatcom County and the State of Washington.

43.1 Venue and Choice of Law:

In the event that any litigation should arise concerning the construction or interpretation of any of the terms of this Agreement, the venue of such action of litigation shall be in the courts of the State of Washington in and for the County of Whatcom. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Washington.

44.1 Survival:

The provisions of paragraphs 11.1, 11.2, 11.3, 21.1, 22.1, 30.1, 31.1, 31.2, 32.1, 33.1, 34.2, 36.1, 40.2, 41.2, 42.1, and 43.1, if utilized, shall survive, notwithstanding the termination or invalidity of this Agreement for any reason.

45.1 Entire Agreement:

This written Agreement, comprised of the writings signed or otherwise identified and attached hereto, represents the entire Agreement between the parties and supersedes any prior oral statements, discussions or understandings between the parties.

EXHIBIT "A"
(SCOPE OF WORK)

I. Background and Purpose

The purpose of this contract is to provide rapid rehousing and homelessness prevention case management, rental assistance, utility assistance, and essential needs items to Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) and HEN Foundational Community Supports (FCS) Bridge- eligible households, whose eligibility is determined by the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS). The HEN program serves individuals who have a disability, are unable to work, and who meet specific income and resource requirements. The HEN FCS Bridge program is closely tied to Opportunity Council's Foundational Community Supports program, assisting individuals as their HEN eligibility ends and incentivizing employment. The HEN and HEN FCS Bridge programs operated by Opportunity Council are fully funded through this contract.

According to the annual Point in Time Count of homeless persons conducted in January 2024, at least 671 households in Whatcom County were experiencing homelessness (including 243 that were unsheltered). Of those households, approximately 11% were families with children and the other 89% were households without children. Whatcom County's Plan to End Homelessness provides a blueprint for how our community will work together to prevent and end homelessness. The provision of housing assistance in the form of rapid rehousing and homelessness prevention are key components of the plan.

The sources of funding for this contract are dedicated portions of the Consolidated Homeless Grant, specifically for the purposes of HEN and HEN FCS Bridge. Operational costs for these programs are the only eligible use of these funds.

II. Definitions

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	HMIS is a local information technology system used to collect client-level data and data on the provision of housing and services to individuals and families at risk of and experiencing homelessness.
Housing Pool (HP)	Registry of clients who are eligible and waiting for housing services. This registry is drawn upon to issue referrals for housing programs based on client needs and available resources instead of a first come, first served basis.
Homelessness/Eviction Prevention	Assistance for households who are at risk of homelessness to maintain or obtain stable housing and avoid homelessness. May include arrears, rental assistance, and supportive services to promote stability.
Low-barrier program	This is a program model that seeks to reduce homelessness by eliminating as many barriers as possible for entry into a residence or shelter and to maintain housing. For example, program entry and tenancy is not contingent on sobriety, minimum income requirements, lack of a criminal record, completion of treatment, or participation in services. The few requirements that do exist focus on safety and harm reduction.
Rapid Rehousing (RRH)	A best practice housing solution for homeless families and individuals to regain stable housing through short- to medium-term rental subsidies and case management.
Whatcom Homeless Service Center (WHSC)	WHSC programs provide: (1) A centralized coordinated system of access; (2) Targeted prevention assistance to reduce the number of households that become homeless; (3) Re-housing for people who are exiting homelessness; (4) Supportive services promoting housing stability and self-sufficiency; and (5) Data management and tracking information for people receiving homeless housing services in Whatcom County and according to Washington State Department of Commerce HMIS data collection requirements.

III. **Statement of Work**

This contract provides funding for the Opportunity Council's Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) and HEN Foundational Community Supports (FCS) Bridge programs, and distribution of essential needs to households that are HEN-eligible. The interventions that are utilized to serve households in the HEN and HEN FCS Bridge programs are rapid rehousing and homelessness prevention.

1. The Contractor will serve at least 140 households annually in the HEN and HEN FCS programs following a referral from Coordinated Entry, or referred through Opportunity Council's Preventing Screening Line. In addition, essential needs items will be distributed to at least 350 HEN-eligible households.
 1. Housing case management activities include arrangement, coordination, monitoring, and delivery of services related to meeting the housing needs of households and helping them to obtain and maintain housing stability. Services include but are not limited to:
 - a. Housing search;
 - b. Tenant counseling;
 - c. Assisting individuals and households with understanding leases;
 - d. Securing utilities;
 - e. Making moving arrangements;
 - f. Mediation and outreach to property owners related to locating or retaining housing;
 - g. Monitoring and evaluating household progress towards self-sufficiency;
 - h. Assuring that household housing-related rights are protected;
 - i. Developing an individualized housing and service plan, including a path to permanent housing stability subsequent to assistance;
 - j. Making connections to outside community resources that will help households maintain long-term housing stability.
 2. Rental and utility assistance activities include:
 - a. Performing all disbursement, accounting, financial management, and reporting functions necessary to manage the funds allocated HEN and HEN FCS Bridge rapid rehousing and homeless prevention programs.
 - b. Maintaining a strong internal control system over rental subsidy and eviction prevention disbursements to assure funds are used as intended by this contract.
 - c. Maintaining and providing upon request from County, written policies and procedures describing how these transactions are processed.
- b. Further, the Contractor will be responsible for administration and distribution of essential needs items to HEN-eligible households, to include personal health and hygiene items, cleaning supplies, move-in household supplies, and/or transportation assistance.

IV. **Program Requirements**

- a. Eligibility criteria and population served:

The Contractor will serve households that are HEN-eligible, as determined by DSHS. Eligibility will be verified in the Benefits Verification System (BVS).
- b. CE and HMIS participation:
 1. The Contractor will comply with the Housing Pool (HP) referral procedures as described in the Whatcom County Coordinated Entry Partnership Roles and Responsibilities Memorandum of Agreement: <https://www.whatcomcounty.us/DocumentCenter/View/88148/MOA-for-CE-Partners-5724>

2. The Contractor will enroll all program participants in HMIS.
 3. The Contractor will comply with Washington State Department of Commerce's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) "Agency Partner Agreement," data collection, and recording requirements.
 4. The Contractor will coordinate activation and changes to their HMIS programs with the Whatcom County HMIS Lead.
- c. Consolidated Homeless Grant compliance:
1. The Contractor will comply with all State of Washington Department of Commerce Special Terms and Conditions of Commerce Grants, herein incorporated as Exhibit G.
 2. The Contractor will comply with all State of Washington Department of Commerce Consolidated Homeless Grant (CHG) requirements, policies and procedures in the CHG Guidelines, including periodic updates to the Guidelines which can be accessed at the following link:
<https://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/homelessness/consolidated-homeless-grant/>
 - a. The County will notify subgrantees via email when updated guidelines are published.
 - b. COMMERCE and the State of Washington are not liable for claims or damages arising from Subcontractor's performance of this contract.
- d. Program framework and training:
- Staff should employ best practices for low barrier housing case management services in their work with program participants. Staff should be trained in the below skills and frameworks within six (6) months of hire or execution of the contract:
1. Trauma Informed Care
 2. Cultural Competency (touch on specifics of population served in program)
 3. Motivational Interviewing
 4. Mental Health First Aid
 5. Basic First Aid and CPR
 6. Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorders
 7. De-escalation and Crisis Intervention
 8. Racial Equity
 9. LGBTQ+ Competency
 10. Supporting Survivors of Domestic Violence
 11. CE Policies and Procedures
 12. Fair Housing
 13. Housing First
 14. Rapid Rehousing
 15. Progressive Engagement and Problem-solving

V. Additional Requirements

a. Grievances:

Ensure that staff, program participants, and applicants understand their rights to file grievances with Whatcom County Health and Community Services and Opportunity Council and are provided full access to a grievance filing process. Grievance policies must be submitted to Whatcom County Health and Community Services Department at program onset and whenever updated.

b. Program monitoring:

The Contractor should anticipate being monitored by Whatcom County to ensure that services and funds are being offered as described in the statement of work and program requirements. Monitoring will typically include but is not limited to a self-assessment; a review of the program's policy/procedures manual, job descriptions, conflict of interest policies, fiscal control policies and procedures, and staff list; and an on-site file review. Programs that are out of compliance will be required to complete activities in a corrective action plan. Whatcom County reserves the right to additional monitoring as described in section 33.1.

c. Incident reporting:

The Contractor will submit incident reports to Whatcom County Health and Community Services within three business days of occurrence. Incidents include: property damage over \$3,000, participant fatality, participant or staff serious injury, and when imminent threats of harm occur. A template is available in Exhibit E, but an agency Incident Report may be submitted alternatively.

d. Recapturing unspent funds:

The Contract Administrator will review the program's spenddown at the halfway mark and three quarters of the way through the contract to ensure that the funds are being spent down at an appropriate rate. If the program is significantly underspending, the Contract Administrator may recommend recapturing funds that are not expected to be spent so they may be reallocated to other programs. Additionally, should the contractor identify that they will be unable to spend down their full amount, they should reach out to Whatcom County at their earliest convenience to amend the contract.

e. Severe weather and smoke planning:

Within one month of contract execution and following with annual updates, the contractor shall submit to Whatcom County a severe weather and smoke plan. A simple template is available in Exhibit F, but a more thorough version may be submitted as an alternative.

f. Interpretation services:

Where a staff member is not available to provide information to a head of household in a language known to the participant, the contractor will make interpretation services available to the participant for meetings and discussions on program eligibility and program services, as applicable.

g. Transportation assistance:

Opportunity Council will provide transportation assistance in the form of bus passes and/or gas cards to clients on a limited basis to clients that do not have other resources to cover this need.

1. The assistance will ensure that clients have access to transportation and/or enough gas to get to essential appointments and/or meetings including medical appointments, job interviews, school, and other appointments that are needed to continue their efforts towards stable housing.
2. The total number of gas cards purchased by Opportunity Council with the funding provided through this contract may not exceed \$12,000.
 - a. Purchases with these gas cards for any item other than gas is prohibited. Opportunity Council staff will communicate to clients that the gas cards may only be used for gas purchases.
 - b. The total value of each gas card purchased will be \$25.
 - c. The total amount of gas cards may not exceed \$300, per client.
 - d. Opportunity Council will maintain and submit to the County, a gas card distribution log documenting:
 - i. Unique client identification number
 - ii. Date of receipt

- iii. Signature of staff distributing gas cards to each client and signature of staff witnessing that the intended clients received each gift card.
- iv. Amount per distribution to client.
- v. Cumulative total distributed to client for the entire contract period to date.

V. Annual Program Outputs and Outcomes

a. Rapid Rehousing Case Management (HEN and HEN FCS):

1. Outputs

- a. At least 25 HHs will be served in 2025 and 83 HHs will be served in 2026.
- b. At least 20 program slots will be available in 2025 and 67 in 2026.
- c. At least 70% of HHs will engage in case management services (defined as meeting at least two times over the course of the last month).

2. Outcomes

- a. 80% of household exits will be to permanent housing.

b. Homelessness Prevention Case Management (HEN and HEN FCS):

1. Outputs:

- a. Approximately 17 households will be served with prevention-based case management in 2025 and another 57 will be served in 2026
- b. At least 14 program slots will be available in 2025 and 46 will be available in 2026.
- c. At least 70% of households will engage in case management services (defined as at least two meetings over the course of the last month).

2. Outcomes:

- a. 95% of households will not enter a program in HMIS within 6 months of receiving assistance.

c. Essential Needs:

1. Outputs:

- a. At least 105 unique households will receive essential needs items in 2025 and 350 in 2026

2. Outcomes across racial and ethnic demographics should not be significantly less than the overall rate.

VI. Reporting Requirements

Quarterly reports will be submitted separately for RRH case management, RRH fund management, HP case management, HP funding management, and essential needs. Quarterly reports are due 15 days following the quarter end: April 15th, July 15th, October 15th, and January 15th. The reporting templates will be provided via email and may be updated from time to time with advanced notice.

a. Rapid rehousing case management reporting requirements during last quarter, and year to date:

- 1. Number of unique HHs served.
- 2. Number of households enrolled on last day of reporting period.
- 3. Percent of households engaged in case management services on last day of reporting period.
- 4. Median length of stay in program for HHs who exited during reporting period.
- 5. Percent positive exits among people who exited.

6. Where applicable, when contractor is not meeting output and outcomes goals: Narrative description of challenges associated with meeting goals.
- b. Rapid rehousing fund management reporting requirement during last quarter, and year to date:
 1. Number of unique HHs where rent subsidy was paid.
- c. Homelessness prevention case management reporting requirements during last quarter, and year to date:
 1. Number of unique HHs served.
 2. Number of households enrolled on last day of reporting period.
 3. Percent of households engaged in case management services on last day of reporting period.
 4. Median length of stay in program for HHs who exited during the reporting period.
 5. Percent of households who have entered a program in HMIS within 6 months of program exit.
- d. Homelessness prevention fund management reporting requirement during last quarter, and year to date:
 1. Number of unique HHs where rent subsidy was paid.
- e. Essential needs reporting requirement during last quarter, and year to date:
 1. Number of unique HHs that received essential needs items.
- f. Additionally, the County is required to report HMIS project expenditures to the Washington State Department of Commerce for their annual report submitted to the Washington State Legislature. When requested, the Contractor shall provide the County with the necessary expenditure information in a timely manner.

VII. Flex Funding

Flex funds must follow the Guidelines established by the County and be reported on the spreadsheet provided by the County (Exhibit D) and signed by an authorized agency signatory. In addition, all flex fund reimbursement requests must be accompanied by receipts and an updated copy of flex funds spreadsheet.

EXHIBIT "B"
(COMPENSATION)

Budget and Funding

The source of funding for this contract period (07/01/2025 – 06/30/2027), in an amount not to exceed \$3,409,883 (\$887,684 in year one and \$2,522,199 in year two), is from the Washington State Department of Commerce, Consolidated Homeless Grant. **Funding is nontransferable between state fiscal years.**

Housing and Essential Needs Budget:

¹ Cost Description	Documents Required with Each Invoice	Year 1 07/01/2025 – 06/30/2026	Year 2 07/01/2026 – 06/30/2027
Personnel (<i>salary, taxes, benefits</i>) (HMIS, Case Managers, Coordinated Entry, Support)	Expanded GL report for the period	\$229,995	\$690,676
*Communication		\$2,000	\$12,400
Direct Program Supplies	Expanded GL report for the period billed and copies of paid invoices or receipts	\$4,129	\$6,000
*Copy/print, Postage		\$666	\$2,000
Staff Mileage	See Exhibit B.1 (6.c and 6.d)	\$2,560	\$7,688
Staff Travel/Training		\$2,370	\$7,119
Essential Needs (Hygiene Product, Cleaning and Move-in Supplies, and Transportation Assistance)	- GL Detail and Copies of Receipts - For gas cards, paid invoices or receipts and distribution log documenting: a. Unique client ID number b. Date of receipt c. Signature of staff distributing each card and signature of staff witnessing distribution to each client d. Amount per distribution to client e. Cumulative total distributed to client for the entire contract period to date	\$23,643	\$71,000
Rent Payments/Housing Assistance in accordance with CHG Guidelines Section 6.1	GL detail for the period plus documentation including client unique ID, payee, and amount of payment, category of assistance (rapid re-housing, prevention, etc.)	\$451,760	\$1,230,763
Utility Payments (not included with rent) in accordance with CHG Guidelines Section 6.1.2.	GL detail for the period plus documentation including client unique ID, payee, and amount of payment, category of assistance (rapid re-housing, prevention, etc.)	\$23,144	\$69,500
Flexible Funds	Flex fund spreadsheet and copies of receipts	\$5,000	\$15,000
CHG HEN SUBTOTAL		\$745,267	\$2,112,146
HEN Indirect @ 14% ²		\$104,337	\$295,700
TOTAL CHG HEN PROGRAM BUDGET		\$849,604	\$2,407,846

Housing and Essential Needs – Foundational Community Supports Bridge Budget:

¹ Cost Description	Documents Required Each Invoice	Year 1 07/01/2025 – 06/30/2026	Year 2 07/01/2026 – 06/30/2027
Personnel	Expanded GL report for the period billed	\$3,963	\$11,899
Rent Payments: Includes Monthly rent and any combination of first and last month's rent and security deposits; Utilities, Arrears and Late Fees; Pro-rated Rent; Hotel/Motel expenses; Lot Rent for RV's & Manufactured Homes for HEN enrolled; Rental Arrears; Late Fees Prior to HEN Enrollment; Permanent Housing Support Expenses (must be paid directly to a third party) for eviction costs/damages to previous units, eviction prevention – all in accordance with CHG Guidelines Section 6.1.	Expanded GL with Client ID, payee, amount	\$29,441	\$88,411
CHG HEN FCS Bridge SUBTOTAL		\$33,404	\$100,310
² CHG Indirect @ 14%		\$4,676	\$14,043
TOTAL CHG HEN FCS Bridge TOTAL		\$38,080	\$114,353
<u>TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT</u>		<u>\$887,684</u>	<u>\$2,522,199</u>

¹ All costs must be direct costs attributable to this program.

- Time records must be available that support time worked on the program.
- Occupancy compensation is limited to dedicated program space.
- Utilities, rent, interest, and depreciation may be charged proportionately based on square footage.
- Copier costs may be charged based on actual program usage.
- If the insurance premium identifies a cost attributable to the contracted program, it may be charged as a direct expense.

² Per the Contractor's Federally approved Nonprofit Rate Agreement (Exhibit H)

Contractor's Invoicing Contact Information:	
Name	David Grote
Phone	360-734-5121
Email	David_Grote@oppco.org

Refer to Exhibits B.1 and B.2 for additional invoicing requirements and information.

EXHIBIT “B.1” – Invoicing – General Requirements

1. When applicable, the contractor may transfer funds among budget line items in an amount not to exceed 10% of the total budget. Line item changes that exceed 10% must be pre-approved by the County Contract Administrator, prior to invoicing.
2. When applicable, indirect costs and fringe benefit cost rates may not exceed the amount indicated in Exhibit B or the Contractor's federally approved indirect cost rate.
3. The Contractor shall submit invoices indicating the County-assigned contract number to:
HL-BusinessOffice@co.whatcom.wa.us and AGeelynse@co.whatcom.wa.us
4. The Contractor shall submit itemized invoices on a monthly basis in a format approved by the County and by the 15th of the month, following the month of service, except for January and July where the same is due by the 10th of the month.
5. When applicable, the Contractor will utilize grant funding sources in the order of their expiration date as indicated by the County, prior to spending local funding sources, when no funding restrictions prevent doing so.
6. The contractor shall submit the required invoice documentation identified in Exhibit B.
 - a. The County reserves the right to request additional documentation in order to determine eligible costs. Additional documentation must be received within 10 business days of the County's request.
 - b. When applicable, if GL reports for personnel reimbursement do not specify position titles, additional documentation must be provided that includes staff name and position title.
 - c. When applicable, mileage will be reimbursed at the current GSA rate (www.gsa.gov). Reimbursement requests for mileage must include:
 1. Name of staff member
 2. Date of travel
 3. Starting address (including zip code) and ending address (including zip code)
 4. Number of miles traveled
 - d. When applicable, travel and/or training expenses will be reimbursed as follows:
 1. Lodging and meal costs for training are not to exceed the current GSA rate (www.gsa.gov), specific to location.
 2. Ground transportation, coach airfare and ferries will be reimbursed at cost when accompanied by receipts.
 3. Reimbursement requests for allowable travel and/or training must include:
 - a. Name of staff member
 - b. Dates of travel
 - c. Starting point and destination
 - d. Brief description of purpose
 - e. Receipts for registration fees or other documentation of professional training expenses.
 - f. Receipts for meals are not required.
7. Payment by the County will be considered timely if it is made within 30 days of the receipt and acceptance of billing information from the Contractor.
8. The County may withhold payment of an invoice if the Contractor submits it or the required invoice documentation, more than 30 days after the month of services performed and/or the expiration of this contract.
9. Invoices must include the following statement, with an authorized signature and date: **I certify that the materials have been furnished, the services rendered, or the labor performed as described on this invoice.**
10. Duplication of billed costs or payments for service: The Contractor shall not bill the County for services performed or provided under this contract, and the County shall not pay the Contractor, if the Contractor has been or will be paid by any other source, including grants, for those costs used to perform or provide the services in this contract. The Contractor is responsible for any audit exceptions or disallowed amounts paid as a result of this contract.

11. Submitted invoices must include a cover sheet with the following information, dated and signed:

- The statement, “I certify that the materials have been furnished, the services rendered, or the labor performed as described in this invoice.”
- Monthly spenddown report showing:

		Amt invoiced by contract month													
Item	Amt awarded	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Percent spent	Total remaining
Item1															
Item2															
Item3															
Total															

EXHIBIT "B.2" – Invoice Preparation Checklist for Vendors

The County intends to pay you promptly. Below is a checklist to ensure your payment will be processed quickly. Provide this to the best person in your company for ensuring invoice quality control.

☐ Send the invoices to the correct address:

HL-BusinessOffice@co.whatcom.wa.us and AGeelynse@co.whatcom.wa.us

☐ Submit invoices monthly, or as otherwise indicated in your contract.

Verify that:

- ☐ invoices include the following statement with an authorized signature and date: **I certify that the materials have been furnished, the services rendered, or the labor performed as described on this invoice.**
- ☐ the time period for services performed is clearly stated and within the contract term beginning and end dates. Also verify any other dates identified in the contract, such as annual funding allocations;
- ☐ invoice items have not been previously billed or paid, given the time period for which services were performed;
- ☐ enough money remains on the contract and any amendments to pay the invoice;
- ☐ the invoice is organized by task and budget line item as shown in Exhibit B;
- ☐ the Overhead or Indirect Rate costs match the most current approved rate sheet;
- ☐ the direct charges on the invoice are allowable by contract. Eliminate unallowable costs.
- ☐ personnel named are explicitly allowed for within the contract and the Labor Rates match the most current approved rate sheet;
- ☐ back-up documentation matches what is required as stated in Exhibit B and B.1;
- ☐ contract number is referenced on the invoice;
- ☐ any pre-authorizations or relevant communication with the County Contract Administrator is included; and
- ☐ Check the math.

Whatcom County will not reimburse for:

- Alcohol or tobacco products;
- Traveling Business or First Class; or
- Indirect expenses exceeding 10% except as approved in an indirect or overhead rate agreement.

EXHIBIT "C"
(INSURANCE)



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

5/28/2025

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an **ADDITIONAL INSURED**, the policy(ies) must have **ADDITIONAL INSURED** provisions or be endorsed. If **SUBROGATION** IS **WAIVED**, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER Hub International Northwest LLC 3125 Howe Pl. Suite 201 Bellingham WA 98226	CONTACT NAME: PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): 360-647-9000 FAX (A/C, No): 360-734-8496 E-MAIL ADDRESS: now.bellinghaminfo@hubinternational.com														
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INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL INSD	SUBR WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS
A	☒ COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY ☐ CLAIMS-MADE ☒ OCCUR GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: ☐ POLICY ☐ PRO-JECT ☐ LOC OTHER:	Y	Y	PHPK2559980-009	6/1/2025	6/1/2026	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 1,000,000 DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) \$ 100,000 MED EXP (Any one person) \$ 5,000 PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ 1,000,000 GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ 3,000,000 PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$ 3,000,000 Deductible \$ None
A	☒ AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY ☒ ANY AUTO ☐ OWNED AUTOS ONLY ☐ SCHEDULED AUTOS ☒ HIRED AUTOS ONLY ☒ NON-OWNED AUTOS ONLY	Y	Y	PHPK2559980-009	6/1/2025	6/1/2026	COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$ 1,000,000 BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$ PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$ \$
A	☒ UMBRELLA LIAB ☒ OCCUR ☐ EXCESS LIAB ☐ CLAIMS-MADE DED ☒ RETENTION \$ 10,000			PHUB865998-015	6/1/2025	6/1/2026	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 5,000,000 AGGREGATE \$ 5,000,000 \$
A	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below	Y / N	N / A	PHPK2559980-009	6/1/2025	6/1/2026	☐ PER STATUTE ☒ OTH-ER Stop Gap E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ 1,000,000 E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ 1,000,000 E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$ 1,000,000
C B	Professional Liability Claims Made Crime / Employee Theft			ENP0003443-07 7092036578	6/1/2025 6/1/2025	6/1/2026 6/1/2026	Each Incident Limit 1,000,000 Prof Aggregate 3,000,000 Employee Theft Limit 2,000,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

Per policy forms and conditions: General Liability Deluxe Endorsement Human Services form PI-GLD-HS (10/11); Commercial General Liability Coverage form CG 00 01 04 13 includes Primary wording see page 12 of 17; Commercial Automobile Elite Endorsement form PI-CA-001 (09/15).

Re: Certificate holder is Primary and Non-Contributory Additional Insured (form PI-GL-005 (07/12))

CERTIFICATE HOLDER**CANCELLATION**

Whatcom County
 509 Girard St
 Bellingham WA 98225

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

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EXHIBIT "D"
(FLEX FUND GUIDELINES)

"Flex funds" are funds that may be used at the discretion of the Contractor, following the policies described below, to purchase goods or services directly related to the service needs of the Contractor's clients, when no other funding source is available. Such goods or services must be reasonable and necessary to meet a client's emergent service needs or contribute to the stabilization or self-sufficiency of the client and must be documented in the client's file.

Allowable Costs:

- Clothing
- Food/pet food
- Housing/rental assistance, including utilities
- Non-recurring or short-term moving costs, including but not limited to application fees, background checks, security deposits, storage unit rental, and professional movers
- Transportation, including bus passes, taxi fare, ride share, registration, insurance, tires, repairs/maintenance
- Critical documents, including driver's permits, testing fees, and licenses, ID cards, birth certificates, student records, etc.
- Educational or vocational training program fees, equipment, and supplies
- Household supplies and essential furniture
- Non-recurring or short-term health care, including co-pays, prescriptions, medical equipment, eyeglasses, and wheelchairs
- Other, as approved by Whatcom County

Limitations: Flex fund expenditures must be within the allowable criteria of the funding source in addition to the criteria established by the County, as identified above, and must have no other funding available from any other source. Use of flex funds must be documented in the client's file.

Flex funds distributed to any one client cannot exceed \$1,000 per year, except with written authorization from the County. No flex fund disbursements are to be made directly to the client but rather will be made on behalf of a client. Flex funds may not be used to purchase retailer or merchant gift cards, vouchers, or certificates that can be exchanged for cash or that allow the recipient to purchase alcohol, tobacco, or cannabis products.

Documentation: Requests for reimbursement of flex funds must include the attached form including the following:

- A. The person or organization funds were paid to.
- B. Date of transaction.
- C. A list of the goods and/or services purchased.
- D. The cost of the goods and/or services purchased.
- E. The initials of the client and/or unique identifying number of the client for whom the goods and/or services were purchased.
- F. The total amount of flex funds distributed to the client during the year.
- G. The service need addressed by the expenditure.
- H. Accompanying invoices and/or receipts.
- I. Evidence of administrative review of expenditures

See Attached Form

Contractor:			Contract:			Period:		
Whatcom County Health and Community Services Flex Fund Documentation								
Paid To *	Date	Cost	Goods/Services Purchased	Client ID	Total \$ To Client this Year	Service Need	No Other Funding Available	Administrative Review
* ATTACH RECEIPTS FOR EACH PURCHASE								

EXHIBIT "E"

WHATCOM COUNTY
Health and Community Services



Charlene Ramont, MPH, Interim Director
Amy Harley, MD, MPH, Co-Health Officer
Meghan Lelonek, MD, Co-Health Officer

PARTNER INCIDENT REPORT

Agencies can supplement any questions asked here with the corresponding agency Incident Report attached. Please return 3 business days after incident and redact any program participant names from the report.

INCIDENT INFORMATION

Date of Incident: _____ Time of Incident: _____ AM or PM

Type of Incident: ☐ Imminent threat of harm ☐ Property Damage over \$3000 ☐ Serious injury ☐ Fatality

Was 911 called? _____ If not why? _____

If applicable was medical treatment offered, recommended, accepted, or rejected? _____

Incident description, including any events leading to, immediately following the incident, and contributing factors (do not use client identifying information like unit numbers or names):

Additional Employee Comments:

PERSON FILING REPORT

Reporter: _____ Title/Role: _____

Signature: _____ Location of Event: _____

COUNTY STAFF

Recipient: _____ Date: _____ Others Notified: _____

Notes:

EXHIBIT "F"

WHATCOM COUNTY
Health and Community Services



Charlene Ramont, MPH, Interim Director
Amy Harley, MD, MPH, Co-Health Officer
Meghan Lelonek, MD, Co-Health Officer

Severe Weather – Heat and Smoke Planning

Organization: _____

Program Name(s): _____

Date: _____

Program Setting (please indicate which of the below settings apply for your county-funded projects)

- ☐ Congregate day shelter
- ☐ Congregate overnight shelter
- ☐ Individual units/rooms in agency-owned building (shelter/transitional/PSH) with common areas
- ☐ Individual units/rooms in agency-owned building (shelter/transitional/PSH) without common areas
- ☐ Individual units/room in buildings owned by third party (shelter/transitional/RRH/PSH)

The goal of this document is for county housing partners to consider and communicate plans in place to ensure client safety in the event of:

- 1) **Severe heat event**
- 2) **Degraded air quality due to smoke**

A severe heat event is classified by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as a period of high heat and humidity with temperatures above 90 degrees for at least two to three days. According to the DHS, extreme heat is responsible for more annual deaths than any other weather-related event. Whatcom County Health and Community Services requires that grantees of Whatcom County Health and Community Services funds provide a plan to the County outlining the efforts their organization is prepared to undertake in support of their beneficiaries in response to a severe heat event.

Please provide an overview of the plan in place at your organization to support beneficiaries in the event of severe heat. Please include how you will be monitoring severe weather temperatures, notifying program participants, providing cooling spaces, and distributing items if relevant:

Outline of supplies and equipment on hand to support plan outlined above (ex: fans, ice packs, chilled water, accessible rooms with air conditioning):

509 Girard Street
Bellingham, WA 98225-4005



Main Line: (360) 778-6000
www.whatcomcounty.us/health

Is there necessary equipment or supplies that need to be acquired in response to severe heat? Would you like technical assistance from emergency response specialists? If so, please list and describe your needs below:

2. Degraded air quality due to smoke – The quality of air in the community is a constantly changing variable. Air pollution due to smoke particles can cause serious health issues. To track the amount of pollutants in the air, the Environmental Protection Agency developed the [Air Quality Index \(AQI\)](#) to make information available about the health effects of the five most common air pollutants, and how to avoid those effects. Whatcom County Health and Community Services requires that all housing and human service contract recipients provide a plan to the County outlining the efforts their organization will undertake to support their beneficiaries in the event that air quality becomes unhealthy for sensitive groups (higher than 100 on the AQI scale).

Please provide an overview of the plan in place at your organization to support beneficiaries in the event of degraded air quality due to smoke. Including staff members or positions responsible for monitoring AQI, notifying program participants, providing clean air spaces, and distributing items:

Outline of supplies and equipment on hand to support plan outlined above (ex: masks, air filters, public spaces with clean air):

Is there necessary equipment or supplies that need to be acquired in response to smoke or air quality challenges? Would you like technical assistance from emergency response specialists? If so, please list and describe your needs below:

EXHIBIT "G"**(Special Terms and Conditions of Commerce Grants)**

The funds allocated for services performed under this grant are Washington State Department of Commerce funds. The terms included in this agreement and any additional agreements herein are a result of the grant funding requirements. Commerce and the State of Washington are liable for claims or damages arising from the Contractor's performance of this subgrant.

1. DEFINITIONS

As used throughout this Contract, the following terms shall have the meaning set forth below:

- A. "Authorized Representative" shall mean the Director and/or the designee authorized in writing to act on the Director's behalf.
- B. "COMMERCE" shall mean the Department of Commerce.
- C. "Grant" or "Agreement" means the entire written agreement between COMMERCE and the Grantee, including any attachments, documents, or materials incorporated by reference. E-mail or facsimile transmission of a signed copy of this contract shall be the same as delivery of an original.
- D. "Grantee" shall mean the entity identified on the face sheet performing service(s) under this Contract, and shall include all employees and agents of the Grantee.
- E. "Personal Information" shall mean information identifiable to any person, including, but not limited to, information that relates to a person's name, health, finances, education, business, use or receipt of governmental services or other activities, addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers, driver license numbers, other identifying numbers, and any financial identifiers.
- F. "State" shall mean the state of Washington.
- G. "Subgrantee/Subcontractor" shall mean one not in the employment of the Grantee, who is performing all or part of those services under this Grant under a separate Grant with the Grantee. The terms "subgrantee/subcontractor" refers to any tier.

2. ALL WRITINGS CONTAINED HEREIN

This Grant contains all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties. No other understandings, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Grant shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the parties hereto.

3. AMENDMENTS

This Grant may be amended by mutual agreement of the parties. Such amendments shall not be binding unless they are in writing and signed by personnel authorized to bind each of the parties.

4. ASSIGNMENT

Neither this Grant, nor any claim arising under this Grant, shall be transferred or assigned by the Grantee without prior written consent of COMMERCE.

5. AUDIT

If the Grantee is a subrecipient and expends \$1,000,000 or more in federal awards from any and/or all sources in any fiscal year, the Grantee shall procure and pay for a single audit or a program-specific audit for that fiscal year. Upon completion of each audit, the Grantee shall:

- A. Submit to COMMERCE the reporting package specified in Uniform Guidance 2 CFR 200, reports required by the program-specific audit guide (if applicable), and a copy of any management letters issued by the auditor.
- B. Submit to COMMERCE follow-up and developed corrective action plans for all audit findings.

If the Grantee is a subrecipient and expends less than \$1,000,000 in federal awards from any and/or all sources in any fiscal year, the Grantee shall notify COMMERCE they did not meet the single audit requirement.

The Grantee shall send all single audit documentation to <https://facweb.census.gov/GSARedirect.html>.

6. CONFIDENTIALITY AND SAFEGUARDING OF INFORMATION

- A.** “Confidential Information” as used in this section includes:
- i. All material provided to the Grantee by COMMERCE that is designated as “confidential” by COMMERCE;
 - ii. All material produced by the Grantee that is designated as “confidential” by COMMERCE; and
 - iii. All personal information in the possession of the Grantee that may not be disclosed under state or federal law.
- B.** The Grantee shall comply with all state and federal laws related to the use, sharing, transfer, sale, or disclosure of Confidential Information. The Grantee shall use Confidential Information solely for the purposes of this Grant and shall not use, share, transfer, sell or disclose any Confidential Information to any third party except with the prior written consent of COMMERCE or as may be required by law. The Grantee shall take all necessary steps to assure that Confidential Information is safeguarded to prevent unauthorized use, sharing, transfer, sale or disclosure of Confidential Information or violation of any state or federal laws related thereto. Upon request, the Grantee shall provide COMMERCE with its policies and procedures on confidentiality. COMMERCE may require changes to such policies and procedures as they apply to this Grant whenever COMMERCE reasonably determines that changes are necessary to prevent unauthorized disclosures. The Grantee shall make the changes within the time period specified by COMMERCE. Upon request, the Grantee shall immediately return to COMMERCE any Confidential Information that COMMERCE reasonably determines has not been adequately protected by the Grantee against unauthorized disclosure.
- C.** Unauthorized Use or Disclosure. The Grantee shall notify COMMERCE within five (5) working days of any unauthorized use or disclosure of any confidential information, and shall take necessary steps to mitigate the harmful effects of such use or disclosure.

7. COPYRIGHT

Unless otherwise provided, all Materials produced under this Grant shall be considered “works for hire” as defined by the U.S. Copyright Act and shall be owned by COMMERCE. COMMERCE shall be considered the author of such Materials. In the event the Materials are not considered “works for hire” under the U.S. Copyright laws, the Grantee hereby irrevocably assigns all right, title, and interest in all Materials, including all intellectual property rights, moral rights, and rights of publicity to COMMERCE effective from the moment of creation of such Materials.

“Materials” means all items in any format and includes, but is not limited to, data, reports, documents, pamphlets, advertisements, books, magazines, surveys, studies, computer programs, films, tapes, and/or sound reproductions.

“Ownership” includes the right to copyright, patent, register and the ability to transfer these rights.

For Materials that are delivered under the Grant, but that incorporate pre-existing materials not produced under the Grant, the Grantee hereby grants to COMMERCE a nonexclusive, royalty-free, irrevocable license (with rights to sublicense to others) in such Materials to translate, reproduce, distribute, prepare derivative works, publicly perform, and publicly display. The Grantee warrants and represents that the Grantee has all rights and permissions, including intellectual property rights, moral rights and rights of publicity, necessary to grant such a license to COMMERCE.

The Grantee shall exert all reasonable effort to advise COMMERCE, at the time of delivery of Materials furnished under this Grant, of all known or potential invasions of privacy contained therein and of any portion of such document which was not produced in the performance of this Grant. The Grantee shall provide COMMERCE with prompt written notice of each notice or claim of infringement received by the Grantee with respect to any Materials delivered under this Grant. COMMERCE shall have the right to modify or remove any restrictive markings placed upon the Materials by the Grantee.

8. DUPLICATE PAYMENT

COMMERCE shall not pay the Grantee, if the Grantee has charged or will charge the State of Washington or any other party under any other Grant, subgrant/subcontract, or agreement, for the same services or expenses.

9. GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE

This Grant shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the state of Washington, and any applicable federal laws, and the venue of any action brought hereunder shall be in the Superior Court for Thurston County.

10. INDEMNIFICATION

Each party shall be solely responsible for the acts of its employees, officers or agents.

11. LAWS

The Grantee shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, codes, regulations, and policies of local, state, and federal governments, as now or hereafter amended.

12. LICENSING, ACCREDITATION AND REGISTRATION

The Grantee shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal licensing, accreditation and registration requirements or standards necessary for the performance of this Contract.

13. PUBLICITY

The Grantee agrees not to publish or use any advertising or publicity materials in which the state of Washington or COMMERCE's name is mentioned, or language used from which the connection with the state of Washington's or COMMERCE'S name may reasonably be inferred or implied, without the prior written consent of COMMERCE.

14. RECAPTURE

In the event that the Grantee fails to perform this Grant in accordance with state laws, federal laws, and/or the provisions of this Grant, COMMERCE reserves the right to recapture funds in an amount to compensate COMMERCE for the noncompliance in addition to any other remedies available at law or in equity.

Repayment by the Grantee of funds under this recapture provision shall occur within the time period specified by COMMERCE. In the alternative, COMMERCE may recapture such funds from payments due under this Grant.

15. RECORDS MAINTENANCE

The Grantee shall maintain books, records, documents, data and other evidence relating to this Grant and performance of the services described herein, including but not limited to accounting procedures and practices that sufficiently and properly reflect all direct and indirect costs of any nature expended in the performance of this Grant.

The Grantee shall retain such records for a period of six years following the date of final payment. At no additional cost, these records, including materials generated under the Grant, shall be subject at all reasonable times to inspection, review or audit by COMMERCE, personnel duly authorized by COMMERCE, the Office of the State Auditor, and federal and state officials so authorized by law, regulation or agreement.

If any litigation, claim or audit is started before the expiration of the six (6) year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved.

16. SAVINGS

In the event funding from state, federal, or other sources is withdrawn, reduced, or limited in any way after the effective date of this Grant and prior to normal completion, COMMERCE may suspend or terminate the Grant under the "Termination for Convenience" clause, without the ten calendar day notice requirement. In lieu of termination, the Grant may be amended to reflect the new funding limitations and conditions.

17. SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Grant are intended to be severable. If any term or provision is illegal or invalid for any reason whatsoever, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Grant.

18. SUBGRANTING/SUBCONTRACTING

The Grantee may only subcontract work contemplated under this Grant if it obtains prior written approval of COMMERCE.

If COMMERCE approves subcontracting, the Grantee shall maintain written procedures related to subcontracting, as well as copies of all subcontracts and records related to subcontracts. For cause, COMMERCE in writing may: (a) require the

Grantee to amend its subcontracting procedures as they relate to this Grant; (b) prohibit the Grantee from subcontracting with a particular person or entity; or (c) require the Grantee to rescind or amend a subcontract.

Every subcontract shall bind the Subcontractor to follow all applicable terms of this Grant. The Grantee is responsible to COMMERCE if the Subcontractor fails to comply with any applicable term or condition of this Grant. The Grantee shall appropriately monitor the activities of the Subcontractor to assure fiscal conditions of this Grant. In no event shall the existence of a subcontract operate to release or reduce the liability of the Grantee to COMMERCE for any breach in the performance of the Grantee's duties.

Every subcontract shall include a term that COMMERCE and the State of Washington are not liable for claims or damages arising from a Subcontractor's performance of the subcontract.

19. SITE SECURITY

While on COMMERCE premises, Grantee, its agents, employees, or subcontractors shall conform in all respects with physical, fire, or other security policies or regulations.

20. SURVIVAL

The terms, conditions, and warranties contained in this Grant that by their sense and context are intended to survive the completion of the performance, cancellation or termination of this Grant shall so survive.

21. TREATMENT OF ASSETS

Title to all property furnished by COMMERCE shall remain in COMMERCE. Title to all property furnished by the Grantee, for the cost of which the Grantee is entitled to be reimbursed as a direct item of cost under this Grant, shall pass to and vest in COMMERCE upon delivery of such property by the Grantee. Title to other property, the cost of which is reimbursable to the Grantee under this Grant, shall pass to and vest in COMMERCE upon (i) issuance for use of such property in the performance of this Grant, or (ii) commencement of use of such property in the performance of this Grant, or (iii) reimbursement of the cost thereof by COMMERCE in whole or in part, whichever first occurs.

- A. Any property of COMMERCE furnished to the Grantee shall, unless otherwise provided herein or approved by COMMERCE, be used only for the performance of this Grant.
- B. The Grantee shall be responsible for any loss or damage to property of COMMERCE that results from the negligence of the Grantee or which results from the failure on the part of the Grantee to maintain and administer that property in accordance with sound management practices.
- C. If any COMMERCE property is lost, destroyed or damaged, the Grantee shall immediately notify COMMERCE and shall take all reasonable steps to protect the property from further damage.
- D. The Grantee shall surrender to COMMERCE all property of COMMERCE prior to settlement upon completion, termination or cancellation of this Grant.
- E. All reference to the Grantee under this clause shall also include Grantee's employees, agents, or Subgrantees/Subcontractors.

22. WAIVER

Waiver of any default or breach shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent default or breach. Any waiver shall not be construed to be a modification of the terms of this Grant unless stated to be such in writing and signed by Authorized Representative of COMMERCE.

Appendix I
(NONPROFIT INDIRECT RATE AGREEMENT)

NONPROFIT RATE AGREEMENT

EIN: 91-0787820
 ORGANIZATION:
 Opportunity Council
 1111 Cornwall Ave., Suite C
 Bellingham, WA 98225

Date: 02/15/2024
 FILING REF.: The preceding
 agreement was dated
 03/17/2023

The rates approved in this agreement are for use on grants, contracts and other agreements with the Federal Government, subject to the conditions in Section III.

SECTION I: INDIRECT COST RATES

RATE TYPES: FIXED FINAL PROV. (PROVISIONAL) PRED. (PREDETERMINED)

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE PERIOD</u>		<u>RATE(%)</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPLICABLE TO</u>
	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>			
FINAL	01/01/2022	12/31/2022	12.00	All	All Programs
PROV.	01/01/2023	12/31/2023	12.80	All	All Programs
PROV.	01/01/2024	12/31/2025	14.00	All	All Programs

***BASE**

Total direct costs excluding capital expenditures (buildings, individual items of equipment; alterations and renovations), that portion of each subaward in excess of \$25,000 and flow-through funds.

ORGANIZATION: Opportunity Council
 AGREEMENT DATE: 02/15/2024

SECTION I: FRINGE BENEFIT RATES**

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>RATE(%)</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPLICABLE TO</u>
FINAL	1/1/2022	12/31/2022	50.00	All	Regular Employees
FIXED	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	50.00	All	Regular Employees
FIXED	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	8.00	All	Supported Workers
PROV.	1/1/2024	12/31/2025	54.00	All	All Employees

**** DESCRIPTION OF FRINGE BENEFITS RATE BASE:**

Salaries and wages excluding vacation, holiday, sick leave pay and other paid absences.

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SECTION II: SPECIAL REMARKS

TREATMENT OF FRINGE BENEFITS:

The fringe benefits are charged using the rate(s) listed in the Fringe Benefits Section of this Agreement. The fringe benefits included in the rate(s) are listed below.

TREATMENT OF PAID ABSENCES:

The costs of vacation, holiday, sick leave pay and other paid absences are included in the organization's fringe benefit rate and are not included in the direct cost of salaries and wages. Claims for direct salaries and wages must exclude those amounts paid or accrued to employees for periods when they are on vacation, holiday, sick leave or are otherwise absent from work.

Note: The rental assistance payments are excluded from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) direct cost base.

DEFINITION OF EQUIPMENT

Equipment means tangible personal property (including information technology systems) having a useful life of more than one year and a per-unit acquisition cost which equals or exceeds \$5,000.

The following fringe benefits are included in the fringe benefit rate(s):

FICA, WORKERS COMPENSATION, MEDICARE, STATE UNEMPLOYMENT, MEDICAL INSURANCE, RETIREMENT, ANNUAL/SICK LEAVE, HOLIDAYS, SCHOOL BREAKS, MILITARY LEAVE AND JURY DUTY.

The indirect cost rate(s) has/have been negotiated in compliance with the applicable Administration for Children and Families Program Instructions for the Head Start program (ACYF-PI-HS-05-01 and ACYF-PI-HS-08-03). ACYF-PI-HS-08-03, dated 5/12/2008, specifically defines "compensation" and limited the cost of "compensation" charged to any federally funded program to zero for any staff whose "compensation" exceeded the rate payable for level II of the Executive Schedule. As of January, 2022 the Executive Schedule Level II rate is \$199,300.

NEXT PROPOSAL DUE DATE

A proposal based on actual costs for fiscal year ending 12/31/2023, will be due no later than 06/30/2024.

ORGANIZATION: Opportunity Council
 AGREEMENT DATE: 02/15/2024

SECTION III: GENERAL

A. LIMITATIONS:

The rates in this Agreement are subject to any statutory or administrative limitations and apply to a given grant, contract or other agreement only to the extent that funds are available. Acceptance of the rates is subject to the following conditions: (1) Only costs incurred by the organization were included in its indirect cost pool as finally accepted; such costs are legal obligations of the organization and are allowable under the governing cost principles; (2) The same costs that have been treated as indirect costs are not claimed as direct costs; (3) Similar types of costs have been accorded consistent accounting treatment; and (4) The information provided by the organization which was used to establish the rates is not later found to be materially incomplete or inaccurate by the Federal Government. In such situations the rate(s) would be subject to renegotiation at the discretion of the Federal Government.

B. ACCOUNTING CHANGES:

This Agreement is based on the accounting system purported by the organization to be in effect during the Agreement period. Changes to the method of accounting for costs which affect the amount of reimbursement resulting from the use of this Agreement require prior approval of the authorized representative of the cognizant agency. Such changes include, but are not limited to, changes in the charging of a particular type of cost from indirect to direct. Failure to obtain approval may result in cost disallowances.

C. FIXED RATES:

If a fixed rate is in this Agreement, it is based on an estimate of the costs for the period covered by the rate. When the actual costs for this period are determined, an adjustment will be made to a rate of a future year(s) to compensate for the difference between the costs used to establish the fixed rate and actual costs.

D. USE BY OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES:

The rates in this Agreement were approved in accordance with the authority in Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200 (2 CFR 200), and should be applied to grants, contracts and other agreements covered by 2 CFR 200, subject to any limitations in A above. The organization may provide copies of the Agreement to other Federal Agencies to give them early notification of the Agreement.

E. OTHER:

If any Federal contract, grant or other agreement is reimbursing indirect costs by a means other than the approved rate(s) in this Agreement, the organization should (1) credit such costs to the affected programs, and (2) apply the approved rate(s) to the appropriate base to identify the proper amount of indirect costs allocable to these programs.

BY THE INSTITUTION:

Opportunity Council

(INSTITUTION)

(SIGNATURE)

(NAME)

(TITLE)

(DATE)

ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

(AGENCY)

Arif M. Karim -S Digitally signed by Arif M. Karim -S
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Arif Karim

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Director, Cost Allocation Services

(TITLE)

02/15/2024

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