



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: Opportunity Council – Housing Case Management Contract Amendment #4

DATE: April 13, 2022

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

▪ **Background and Purpose**

Housing Case Managers provide assistance to households to access housing, improve housing stability, and reduce homelessness through joint efforts between the Whatcom Homeless Service Center and the Community Services Division of the Opportunity Council. This contract provides funding for case management and supportive services to those individuals and households experiencing or at-risk of experiencing homelessness, or who are newly housed, in order to improve housing stability and reduce homelessness in Whatcom County. This amendment increases funding by \$56,801 to support the addition of 1 FTE Case Manager position and related costs to provide case management specifically to indigent Whatcom County Veterans.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract period (01/01/2022 – 12/31/2022) is not to exceed \$585,237 and funding for the entire contract period (07/01/2021 – 12/31/2022) is not to exceed \$848,895. Funding is provided by local document recording fees, the Veterans Assistance Fund, and the Washington State Department of Commerce Consolidated Homeless and Emergency Solutions COVID-19 Grants (CFDA 14.231). These funds are included in the 2022 budget. Council approval is required as the funding provided by this amendment increases funding by more than 10% of the approved budget.

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

