



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Jack Louws, County Executive  
**FROM:** Regina A. Delahunt, Director  
**RE:** Opportunity Council – Housing and Essential Needs Program Contract Amendment #5  
**DATE:** July 3, 2019

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Enclosed are two (2) originals of a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council for your review and signature.

### ▪ Background and Purpose

Housing and Essential needs (HEN) is a program of the Washington State Department of Commerce Consolidated Homeless Grant (CHG) and provides funding for rent and utility assistance, essential needs items, and case management for recipients whose eligibility is determined by the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS). The purpose of this amendment is to renew the contract for an additional year, remove Bridge to Home Program funding and associated requirements, and increase the total number of households served by the HEN program with an additional \$313,762 in HEN funding through the CHG.

### ▪ Funding Amount and Source

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$1,429,113 during this contract period (07/01/2019 – 06/30/2020) and \$2,629,463.50 for the entire contract period (07/01/2018 – 06/30/2020), is provided by the Department of Commerce HEN Grant. These funds are included in the 2019 budget. Council approval is required as funding exceeds 10% of the approved budget.

Please contact Barbara Johnson-Vinna at extension #6046 if you have any questions regarding this agreement.

Encl.

