

<b>WHATCOM COUNTY CONTRACT INFORMATION SHEET</b>		Whatcom County Contract No. <u>202106045</u>		
Originating Department:		85 Health		
Division/Program: (i.e. Dept. Division and Program)		8550 Human Services / 855040 Housing		
Contract or Grant Administrator:		Barbara Johnson-Vinna		
Contractor's / Agency Name:		Opportunity Council		
Is this a New Contract?	If not, is this an Amendment or Renewal to an Existing Contract?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	If Amendment or Renewal, (per WCC 3.08.100 (a)) Original Contract #:			
Does contract require Council Approval?		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	If No, include WCC:	
Already approved? Council Approved Date:		(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):	CFDA#:	14.231	
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Is this contract grant funded?	If yes, Whatcom County grant contract number(s):	202008014 / 201907017		
Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>				
Is this contract the result of a RFP or Bid process?	If yes, RFP and Bid number(s):	Contract Cost	122200 /	
Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		21-04	Center:	122800/122300
Is this agreement excluded from E-Verify?		No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
If YES, indicate exclusion(s) below:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional services agreement for certified/licensed professional.				
<input type="checkbox"/> Contract work is for less than \$100,000.		<input type="checkbox"/> Contract for Commercial off the shelf items (COTS).		
<input type="checkbox"/> Contract work is for less than 120 days.		<input type="checkbox"/> Work related subcontract less than \$25,000.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Interlocal Agreement (between Governments).		<input type="checkbox"/> 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 <b>exceeding \$40,000</b> , and professional service contract amendments that have an increase greater than \$10,000 or 10% of contract amount, whichever is greater, <b>except when:</b> 1. Exercising an option contained in a contract previously approved by the council. 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. 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.		
\$	262,341			
This Amendment Amount:				
\$				
Total Amended Amount				
\$				
Summary of Scope: This contract provides funding for case management services in association with the Whatcom Homeless Service Center in an effort to improve housing stability and reduce homelessness in Whatcom County.				
Term of Contract:	6 Months	Expiration Date:	12/31/2021	
Contract Routing:	1. Prepared by:	JT	Date:	03/31/2021
	2. Health Budget Approval:	KR/JG	Date:	05/19/2021
	3. Attorney signoff:	RB	Date:	05/27/2021
	4. AS Finance reviewed:	M Caldwell	Date:	6/8/21
	5. IT reviewed (if IT related):		Date:	
	6. Contractor approved:		Date:	
	7. Submitted to Exec.:	JT	Date:	06/30/2021
	8. Council approved (if necessary):	AB2021-338	Date:	06/29/2021
	9. Executive signed:		Date:	
	10. Original to Council:		Date:	

**WHATCOM COUNTY**  
Health Department



Erika Lautenbach, Director  
Greg Stern, M.D., Health Officer

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive  
**FROM:** Erika Lautenbach, Director  
**RE:** Opportunity Council – Housing Case Management Contract  
**DATE:** June 30, 2021

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Attached is a contract 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 Divisions of the Opportunity Council. The purpose of this contract is to provide case management and supportive services to those individuals and households experiencing or at-risk of homelessness, or who are newly housed, in order to improve housing stability and reduce homelessness in Whatcom County.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$262,341, is provided by local document recording fees and the Washington State Department of Commerce Consolidated Homeless and Emergency Solutions COVID-19 Grants (CFDA 14.231). These funds are included in the 2021 budget. Council approval is required as funding exceeds \$40,000.

▪ **Differences Between Previous Contracts**

This is a new contract, awarded as a result of RFP 21-04; however, funding for these services has been provided through previous contracts between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council since 2011. This contract includes no significant changes from the contract that is currently in place (WC Contract #201611025).

Please contact Anne Deacon, Human Services Manager at 360-778-6054 ([ADeacon@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:ADeacon@co.whatcom.wa.us)) or Kathleen Roy, Assistant Director at 360-778-6007 ([KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us)), if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request.



Whatcom County Contract No.  
202106045

**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 21,
- Exhibit C (Certificate of Insurance), p. 22,
- Exhibit D (Flex Fund Guidelines), pp. 23, to 24,
- Exhibit E (Special Terms & Conditions of Commerce Grants), pp. 25 to 30,
- Exhibit F (Certification Regarding Lobbying).

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 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2021 and shall, unless terminated or renewed as elsewhere provided in the Agreement, terminate on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2021.

The general purpose or objective of this Agreement is to **provide housing case management services** 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 is estimated at \$262,341. 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, 34.2, and 34.3, 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.

7/2/2021

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have executed this Agreement this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

**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.

DocuSigned by:  
  
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 Greg Winter, Executive Director

7/2/2021

**WHATCOM COUNTY:**

**Recommended for Approval:**

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Anne Deacon 6/30/2021  
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Anne Deacon, Human Services Manager Date

DocuSigned by:  
Erika Lautenbach 7/1/2021  
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Erika Lautenbach, Director Date

**Approved as to form:**

DocuSigned by:  
Royce Buckingham 7/1/2021  
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Royce Buckingham, Prosecuting Attorney Date

**Approved:**

Accepted for Whatcom County:

DocuSigned by:  
Satpal Sidhu 7/2/2021  
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By: Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive

**CONTRACTOR INFORMATION:**

**Opportunity Council**

Greg Winter, Executive Director  
1111 Cornwall Avenue  
Bellingham, WA 98225  
[Greg\\_winter@oppco.org](mailto: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 of this Agreement may be extended by mutual written consent of the parties, for a period of up to one year, and for a total of no longer than three years.

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: Commercial General Liability and Business Automobile Liability

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.

34.3 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:

Barbara Johnson-Vinna, Program Specialist

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 Department  
Barbara Johnson-Vinna  
509 Girard Street  
Bellingham, WA 98225  
360-778-6046  
[BJJohnso@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:BJJohnso@co.whatcom.wa.us)

Opportunity Council  
Greg Winter, Executive Director  
1111 Cornwall Avenue  
Bellingham, WA 98225  
[Greg\\_winter@oppco.org](mailto: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](http://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, 34.3, 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**

According to the annual Point In Time Count of homeless persons conducted in January 2021, at least 859 people in Whatcom County were homeless. Throughout the year, more may face the prospect of losing their homes. 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 and case management services are key strategies of the Plan.

Housing case management under Whatcom Homeless Service Center (WHSC) partnership includes both rental subsidy and housing case management components. WHSC staff determine client eligibility for services and authorize and distribute rent subsidies to local landlords on behalf of participating clients, make referrals for case management to partner agencies, and coordinate required data collection efforts.

Through this contract, Opportunity Council will serve as one of the WHSC partner agencies providing Housing Pool case management and other housing case management services. The purpose of this contract is to provide case management for individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness in order to improve housing stability and reduce homelessness in Whatcom County.

**II. Definitions**

HMIS	Washington’s Homeless Management Information System Database
Whatcom Homeless Service Center (WHSC)	WHSC programs provide (1) centralized coordinated system of access, (2) targeted prevention assistance to reduce the number of households that become homeless, (3) re-housing of those who become homeless, (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**

The Contractor will provide housing case management services. Housing case management activities include arrangement, coordination, monitoring, and delivery of services related to meeting the housing needs of households and helping them obtain housing stability. Services and activities include:

1. Developing, securing, coordinating, and retaining services and suitable housing. Services include but are not limited to:
  - a. Tenant counseling;
  - b. Assisting individuals and households with understanding leases;
  - c. Securing utilities;
  - d. Making moving arrangements;
  - e. Representative payee services concerning rent and utilities;
  - f. Mediation and outreach to property owners related to locating or retaining housing;
  - g. Monitoring and evaluating household progress;
  - h. Assuring that household rights are protected;

- i. Developing an individualized housing and service plan, including a path to permanent housing stability subsequent to assistance.
2. Intake and Referral – People who present to Opportunity Council's Community Resource Center in a housing crisis will receive a low barrier, problem-solving conversation with an Intake and Referral Specialist. Those Housing intake services provided to collect client information and assess eligibility for housing programs. Services will be provided to low-income and/or homeless individuals and households residing in Whatcom County. Individuals and households served shall have incomes at or below 50% Area Median Income (AMI).
3. Housing Pool (HP) – HP case management services are designed to make persons who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness aware of available programs and provide them with a point of access to housing services. HP case management provides supportive services designed to assist people waiting for housing to be able to move rapidly into permanent housing by helping clients stabilize, identify barriers to housing, and engage in activities required to remove those barriers. HP case management diverts people from entering the homeless shelter system whenever possible.
4. Diversion – Diversion can be the first response to resolving an episode of homelessness by focusing on re-housing a family without their entering a longer-term housing program. Diversion starts with problem-solving conversations to identify a household's own strengths and resources. Services are tailored to meet each family's most critical needs to quickly move into housing. Diversion services can include short-term/one-time financial support (i.e., deposit assistance, flex funding).
5. Deposit Assistance - Single adults experiencing homelessness will be assisted with deposit/move-in assistance when they have found housing on their own. This light touch case management will serve people awaiting assistance on the Housing Pool, attending Housing Lab, or applying for assistance through the Community Resource Center. Without the facilitated move-in assistance with case management, the result can be long term homelessness leading to deterioration of health and overall well-being of these individuals.
6. Interim Housing – Emergency shelter and supportive services to homeless families with minor children in their custody is prioritized for those in the most desperate situations. With the onset of the COVID pandemic there has been increasing demand for shelter services in motels stays and in short-term housing offered by Interfaith Coalition. Case management focuses on ensuring basic needs are met and development of a plan to obtain and maintain permanent housing.
7. Rapid Re-housing – These services focus on family homelessness and prioritize those living in shelters, motels, vehicles, or are unsheltered. Rapid Rehousing is an intervention proven to end family homelessness. Case management adhering to a progressive engagement approach and short to medium term rental subsidies for families experiencing homelessness are offered to meet the needs of families to enable them to achieve housing stability.
8. Permanent Supportive Housing – Households served with permanent supportive housing have a history of chronic homelessness or have a combination of high barriers often including mental health, active or history of addiction, and medical, developmental and physical disabilities. Long-term housing retention and personal wellness is supported through a Housing-First model, employing a harm reduction and person-centered approach.
9. Households living in units owned or master-leased by the Opportunity Council.

#### **IV. Program Outcomes**

During this contract period (07/01/2021 – 12/31/2021), the housing case management services provided by the Contractor will deliver the following outcomes:

1. At least 75 households will receive HP case management.

2. Total number of households in motels that received short-term housing case management (no specific target)
3. At least 30 families with children will receive diversion case management.
4. At least 10 households in PSH will receive case management.
5. At least 8 households receiving Skagit HOME TBRA rental assistance will receive case management.
6. At least 20 – 22 households will receive case management funded with Emergency Solutions COVID-19 Grant (ESG-CV) while in motels for emergency shelter; 12- – 16 of these households will transition from motel-based emergency shelter to permanent housing during the period of 7/1/21-12/31/21. Households must meet eligibility criteria of the ESG-CV.
7. Median number of days in case management prior to being housed will be 75.
8. Mean number of days in case management prior to being housed will be 80.
9. At least 85% of families that reached a 12-month period of time since exiting the Ending Family Homelessness Project or Rapid ReHousing case management will have retained stable housing.
10. Of the households in PSH, at least 90% will be stably housed (including exits from PSH to permanent housing).
11. At least 40 WCHD funded case management households (from ES, Diversion, EFH, Housing Pool, TBRA RRH or unstably housed, and EFH) will achieve housing stability.
12. At least 15 households will be housed from the Housing Pool with deposit/move-in assistance (this is contingent upon availability of rental assistance and referrals).
13. At least eight (8) unduplicated households will be stably housed with EFH RRH while receiving case management.
14. At least 20 unduplicated households will receive assistance funded through and eligible for the ESG-CV.

## V. **Additional Requirements**

The Contractor will:

1. Comply with all State of Washington Department of Commerce Special Terms and Conditions of Commerce Grants, herein incorporated as Exhibit D.
2. 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://deptofcommerce.app.box.com/s/4d1ilui45uqljmhseufez4flxqv1q6b>
  - a. Commit to ending homelessness in Whatcom County, per the CHG Guidelines, by:
    1. Prioritizing unsheltered homeless households for services.
    2. Assessing each household's needs and facilitating housing stability with the goal of obtaining or maintaining permanent housing.
    3. Employing a progressive engagement service model.
    4. Prioritizing households likely to become homeless when using prevention rental assistance.
  - b. Ensure that all costs incurred comply with CHG Guidelines.
  - c. Commit to reporting complete quality data that is timely, truthful and accurate (per CHG Guidelines and HMIS User Agreement).



- d. Consequences of non-compliance with CHG Guidelines, as per the Department of Commerce, include:
  1. If Commerce determines that a Grantee is failing to comply with the Guidelines, Terms and Conditions, Commerce will notify Grantee that Grantee will receive technical assistance and be required to respond to a corrective action plan to address and remedy the non-compliance.
  2. If the Grantee is still out of compliance after the technical assistance, Commerce may move the Grantee into a probationary period with a second corrective action plan and may reduce the grant total by 20%.
  3. If the Grantee remains out of compliance after the probation period, Commerce may terminate the grant per the General Terms and Conditions TERMINATION FOR CAUSE.
3. Comply with relevant State of Washington Department of Commerce Emergency Solutions COVID-19 Grant guidelines, including periodic updates to the guidelines, which can be accessed at the following links:  
<https://www.commerce.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Commerce-ESG-CV-Overview-.pdf> and  
<http://www.commerce.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/hau-esg-guidelines-2017-2019.pdf>
4. Participate in HMIS data collection efforts as directed by the WHSC; including HMIS training, HMIS data entry, updating client data as necessary, and exiting clients from HMIS. Services which must be inputted into HMIS include (but are not limited to) financial services – including deposits, rental payments, and completed home visits.
5. Comply with the following HIP referral procedure. When Contractor staff believes a referral from the HIP is not a good fit for their program, a situation that should be rare, the following procedure must be followed:
  - a. Contractor will submit a written description of the situation that justifies returning the client to the HIP.
  - b. An in-person case conference must be scheduled within five days of request to return a referral. The case conference will include Contractor staff, WHSC housing referral specialist, and HIP case management services coordinator (or designee).
  - c. The course of action mutually agree to at the case conference will be recorded in writing, constituting a binding agreement.
  - d. As the parties to this contract learn more about referral success factors, procedures may be amended accordingly.
6. Promote public health in homeless housing and preserve the safety and stability of available housing stock for homeless housing by:
  - a. Informing clients/tenants of the importance of upholding safety and health in homeless housing, and of preserving continued access to housing by our homeless housing system.
  - b. Informing clients/tenants that they may be expected to participate in cleaning and decontaminating their housing unit when necessary for health reasons.
  - c. Informing clients/tenants that damages to their unit may result in eviction and loss of the unit in the future for our homeless housing system.
  - d. Informing prospective tenants that they need to maintain a safe and clean apartment in advance of receiving housing and periodically after they are in housing.
  - e. In scattered sites, master lease, public housing, and staffed housing programs, case managers will work with the client/tenant to address the issues of health and safety that arise,



including that of suspected methamphetamine use. The WCHD will provide case managers with free and confidential technical assistance on effective methods for cleaning apartment units that have been contaminated, whenever requested.

- f. Documenting in each client file that these expectations were communicated to the client/tenant.
7. Require professional development training for direct service staff and supervisors.
8. Attend Whatcom County Coalition to End Homelessness meetings and sponsored activities.
9. Attend meetings and events coordinated by WHSC.

## **VI. Reporting Requirements**

1. The Contractor shall submit quarterly reports\* to the WCHD utilizing HMIS data by using the quarterly reporting template accessed on the County website, as noted below. Reports will demonstrate the Contractor's progress toward achieving the program outcomes identified above. Quarterly reports are due on April 15, July 15, October 15, and January 15.

\*Contractors will be notified via email of updates to quarterly reporting templates. Current reporting templates will be posted on the Whatcom County Health Department Housing Program website which may be accessed at:

<https://www.whatcomcounty.us/DocumentCenter/View/36907/Case-Management-Report>

2. Reports will include data for only those clients served under this contract and include:
  - a. Number of households that received HP case management this quarter.
  - b. Number of households that received short-term housing (excluding motels and transitional housing) case management this quarter (carry-over in Q1, new thereafter).
  - c. Number of households that received short-term housing case management this quarter in motels (carry-over in Q1, new thereafter).
  - d. Number of FWC that received diversion case management this quarter (carry-over in Q1, new thereafter).
  - e. Total number of households in PSH that received case management during the quarter (carry-over in Q1, new thereafter).
  - f. Number of households that received Skagit HOME TBRA served with case management this quarter.
  - g. Median number of days in case management prior to being housed this quarter.
  - h. Mean number of days in case management prior to being housed.
  - i. For families that reached a 12-month period of time in the quarter since exiting the Ending Family Homelessness Project or RRH case management, the % that retained stable housing for those 12 months.
  - j. Of the households that were in PSH at the beginning of the quarter, the % that remained housed at the end of the quarter. Exists to stable housing are included in housing retention.
  - k. Number of WCHD funded case managed households (from ES, Diversion, EFH, HP, TBRA RRH or unstably housed) that achieved housing stability this quarter.
  - l. Number of households directly from the HP with deposit/move-in assistance (contingent upon rent assistance and referrals).

- m. Unduplicated number of households that become stably housed with EFH RRH that received case management during this quarter.
- n. Unduplicated number of households that received assistance funded thorough and eligible for, ESG-CV.

Additionally, projects falling under specific intervention types and funded by the CHG will be expected to meet or make progress toward the System-wide Performance Measures and benchmarks, as required by the Washington State Department of Commerce. System-wide performance measures and benchmarks specific to intervention type (HMIS project type) are provided on the CHG System Performance Measures Chart, located at: <http://whatcomcounty.us/910/Housing-Program>.

Changes to the CHG System-Wide Performance Measures may be made without contract amendment. In the event of an update, the County will provide email notification with a link to the current chart on the County's website. CHG Grantees must meet or demonstrate progress towards established performance measure targets by meeting the indicated benchmarks. Targeted prevention performance measures are exempted from the 'Consequences of Non-Compliance' stated above in Section V.(1)(d.) as per Commerce, wherein 'Grantee' refers to the County being the CHG recipient.

## **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 funds must be accompanied by receipts.

**Exhibit B**  
(COMPENSATION)

- I. **Source of Funding and Budget:** The source of funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$262,341, is local document recording fees, and the Washington State Department of Commerce Consolidated Homeless and Emergency Solutions COVID-19 Grants (CFDA 14.231). COMMERCE and the State of Washington are not liable for claims or damages arising from Subcontractor's performance of this contract. The budget for this contract is as follows:

Cost Description*	Documents Required with Invoices	Budget
Personnel – <i>funded by document recording fees</i> (salary, taxes, benefits): Housing Case Managers Case Management Coordinator Homeless Housing Programs Manager Information & Referral Specialist	Approved Composite Billing Rate Worksheet for each staff member and timesheets for the period.	\$80,000
Communications (does not include system upgrades or capital costs)	GL Detail	\$1,050
Printing & Duplicating		\$750
Office Equipment & Supplies		\$1,000
Postage		\$125
Mileage	Mileage log to include: name of staff member, date of travel, starting point and destination of travel, number of miles traveled, federal reimbursement rate (per <a href="http://www.gsa.gov">www.gsa.gov</a> ) and a brief description of the purpose of travel	\$1,500
Travel/Training – Lodging and meal costs for training are not to exceed the U.S. General Services Administration Domestic Per Diem Rates ( <a href="http://www.gsa.gov">www.gsa.gov</a> ), specific to location.	Ground transportation, coach airfare and ferries will be reimbursed at cost when accompanied by receipts. Reimbursement requests for allowable travel must include name of staff member, dates of travel, starting point and destination, brief description of the purpose. Receipts for registration fees or other documentation of professional training expenses. Receipts for meals are not required.	\$1,250
Flex Funds	Flex Fund Spreadsheet and copies of receipts	\$500
<b>Document Recording Fees Direct Costs SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>\$86,175</b>
<b>Document Recording Fees Indirect** @ 12%</b>		<b>\$10,341</b>
Personnel – <i>funded by CHG</i> (salary, taxes, benefits): Case management and support staff	Approved Composite Billing Rate Worksheet for each staff member and timesheets for the period.	\$89,500
<b>Consolidated Homeless Grant Direct Costs SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>\$89,500</b>
<b>Consolidated Homeless Grant Indirect** @ 12%</b>		<b>\$10,740</b>
Personnel – <i>funded by ESG-CV</i> (salary, taxes, benefits): Case Managers (2 FTEs – services delivered to ESG-CV eligible clients only)	Approved Composite Billing Rate Worksheet for each staff member and timesheets for the period.	\$58,558
<b>Emergency Solutions Grant (COVID) Direct Costs SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>\$58,558</b>
<b>Emergency Solutions Grant (COVID) Indirect** @ 7%</b>		<b>\$4,099</b>
<b>Document Recording Fees paid on direct costs (in excess of 7% for ESG-CV costs @ 5%</b>		<b>\$2,928</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET (7/1/2021 – 12/31/2021)</b>		<b>\$262,341</b>

\*Changes to the line item budget that exceed 10% of the line item must be approved in writing by the County.

\*\*Indirect costs shall not exceed the current federally approved rate.



II. **Invoicing:**

1. The Contractor shall submit itemized invoices on a monthly basis in a format approved by the County. Monthly invoices must be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, following the month of service. Invoices submitted for payment must include the items identified in the table above.
2. The Contractor shall submit invoices to [HL-BusinessOffice@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:HL-BusinessOffice@co.whatcom.wa.us).
3. Payment by the County will be considered timely if it is made within 30 days of the receipt and acceptance of billing information from Contractor. The county may withhold payment of an invoice if the Contractor submits it more than 30 days after the expiration of this contract.
4. 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.**

5. 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.

**EXHIBIT "C"**  
(CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE)





**“EXHIBIT D”**  
**WHATCOM COUNTY FLEX FUNDS 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.**

**Allowable Costs:** Allowable uses of client-specific expenditures of flex funds include the following:

- Clothing
- Food
- Housing/rental assistance
- Bus passes or taxi fare
- Car repairs
- Driver’s license or ID card fees
- Educational or training program registration fees
- Household supplies, including furniture
- Medications
- Health care
- Other, as approved by Whatcom County

**Limitations:** Flex fund expenditures must be within the allowable criteria established by the County, as identified above, must be based upon the service needs as documented in the client’s individual service plan, and must have no other funding available from any other source.

Flex funds distributed to any one client cannot exceed \$500 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.

**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**



**“Exhibit E”**  
(Special Terms and Conditions of Commerce Grants –  
COVID 19 ESG-CV – CFDA #14.231 and Consolidated Homeless Grant)

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.
- H. “Subrecipient” shall mean a non-federal entity that expends federal awards received from a pass-through entity to carry out a federal program, but does not include an individual that is a beneficiary of such a program. It also excludes vendors that receive federal funds in exchange for goods and/or services in the course of normal trade or commerce.

**2. ACCESS TO DATA**

In compliance with RCW 39.26.180, the Grantee, shall provide access to data generated under this Grant to COMMERCE, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee, and the Office of the State Auditor at no additional cost. This includes access to all information that supports the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Grantee’s reports, including computer models and the methodology for those models.

**3. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FEDERAL FUNDS**

The Contractor agrees that any publications (written, visual, or sound) but excluding press releases, newsletters, and issue analyses, issued by the Contractor describing programs or projects funded in whole or in part with federal funds under this Contract, shall contain the following statements:

“This project was supported by Grant No. E-20-DW-53-0001 awarded by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as a supplemental appropriation through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act of 2020 (CARES Act). Points of view in this document are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the official position or policies of the HUD. Grant funds are administered by the Housing Assistance Unit in the Community Services and Housing Division, Washington State Department of Commerce.”

**3. 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.

**4. 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.

**5. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) OF 1990, PUBLIC LAW 101-336, also referred to as the "ADA" 28 CFR Part 35**

The Grantee must comply with the ADA, which provides comprehensive civil rights protection to individuals with disabilities in the areas of employment, public accommodations, state and local government services, and telecommunications.

**6. 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.

**6. AUDIT**

If the Grantee is a subrecipient and expends \$750,000 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 OMB Super Circular 2 CFR 200.501, 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 \$750,000 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 [auditreview@commerce.wa.gov](mailto:auditreview@commerce.wa.gov).

**7. 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. "Personal information" includes but is not limited to information related to a person's name, health, finances, education, business, use of government services, addresses, telephone numbers, social security number, driver's license number and other identifying numbers, and "Protected Health Information" under the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

**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.

**8. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**



Notwithstanding any determination by the Executive Ethics Board or other tribunal, the COMMERCE may, in its sole discretion, by written notice to the CONTRACTOR terminate this contract if it is found after due notice and examination by COMMERCE that there is a violation in the Ethics of Public Service Act, Chapters 42.52 RCW and 42.23 RCW; or any similar statute involving the CONTRACTOR in the procurement of, or performance under this contract.

In the event this contract is terminated as provided above, COMMERCE shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against the Grantee as it could pursue in the event of a breach of the contract by the Grantee. The rights and remedies of COMMERCE provided for in this clause shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law. The existence of facts upon which COMMERCE makes any determination under this clause shall be an issue and may be reviewed in the "Disputes" clause of this contract.

#### **9. 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.

#### **10. 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.

#### **11. 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.

#### **12. INDEMNIFICATION**

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Grantee shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the state of Washington, COMMERCE, agencies of the state and all officials, agents and employees of the state from and against all claims for injuries or death arising out of or resulting from the performance of the contract. "Claim" as used in this contract, means any financial loss, claim, suite, action, damage, or expense, including but not limited to attorney's fees, attributable for bodily injury, sickness, disease, or death, or injury to or the destruction of tangible property including loss of use resulting therefrom.

The Grantee's obligation to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless includes any claim by Grantee's agents, employees, representatives, or any subgrantee/subcontractor or its employees.

Grantee expressly agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State for any claim arising out of or incident to Grantee's or any subgrantee's/subcontractor's performance or failure to perform the Grant. Grantee's obligation to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State shall not be eliminated or reduced by any actual or alleged concurrent negligence of State or its agents, agencies, employees, and officials.

The Grantee waives its immunity under Title 51 RCW to the extent it is required to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the state and its agencies, officers, agents, or employees.

**13. 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.

**14. 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.

**15. NONCOMPLIANCE WITH NONDISCRIMINATION LAWS**

During the performance of this Grant, the Contractor shall comply with all federal, state and local nondiscrimination laws, regulations and policies. In the event of the Contractor's non-compliance or refusal to comply with any nondiscrimination law, regulation or policy, this Grant may be rescinded, canceled or terminated in whole or in part, and the Contractor may be declared ineligible for further Grants with COMMERCE. The Contractor shall, however, be given a reasonable time in which to cure this noncompliance. Any dispute may be resolved in accordance with the "Disputes" procedure set forth herein.

**16. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES**

Political activity of Contractor employees and officers are limited by the State Campaign Finances and Lobbying provisions of Chapter 42.17A RCW and the Federal Hatch Act, 5 USC 1501-1508.

No funds may be used for working for or against ballot measures or for or against the candidacy of any person for public office.

**17. PROCUREMENT STANDARDS FOR FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAMS**

A Grantee which is a local government or Indian Tribal government must establish procurement policies and procedures in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200, for all purchases funded by this Grant.

A Grantee which is a nonprofit organization shall establish procurement policies in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200, for all purchases funded by this Contract.

The Grantee's procurement system should include at least the following:

- A. A code or standard of conduct that shall govern the performance of its officers, employees, or agents engaged in the awarding of contracts using federal funds.
- B. Procedures that ensure all procurement transactions shall be conducted in a manner to provide, to the maximum extent practical, open and free competition.
- C. Minimum procedural requirements, as follows:
  - i. Follow a procedure to assure the avoidance of purchasing unnecessary or duplicative items.
  - ii. Solicitations shall be based upon a clear and accurate description of the technical requirements of the procured items.
  - iii. Positive efforts shall be made to use small and minority-owned businesses.
  - iv. The type of procuring instrument (fixed price, cost reimbursement) shall be determined by the Contractor, but must be appropriate for the particular procurement and for promoting the best interest of the program involved.
  - v. Contracts shall be made with only reasonable subgrantees/subcontractors who possess the potential ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of the proposed procurement.
  - vi. Some form of price or cost analysis should be performed in connection with every procurement action.
  - vii. Procurement records and files for purchases shall include all of the following:
    - 1) Contractor selection or rejection
    - 2) The basis for the cost or price
    - 3) Justification for lack of competitive bids if offers are not obtained
  - viii. A system for contract administration to ensure Contractor conformance with terms, conditions and specifications of this Contract, and to ensure adequate and timely follow-up of all purchases.

- D. Contractor and Subgrantee/subcontractor must receive prior approval from COMMERCE for using funds from this Contract to enter into a sole source contract or a contract where only one bid or proposal is received when value of this Contract is expected to exceed \$5,000.

**18. 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.

**19. 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.

**20. 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.

**21. REGISTRATION WITH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

If required by law, the Grantee shall complete registration with the Washington State Department of Revenue.

**22. RIGHT OF INSPECTION**

The Grantee shall provide right of access to its facilities to COMMERCE, or of any of its officers, or to any other authorized agent or official of the State of Washington or the federal government, at all reasonable times, in order to monitor and evaluate performance, compliance, and/or quality assurance under this Grant.

**23. 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.

**24. 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.

**25. 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.

**26. 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.

**27. 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.

**28. 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.

All reference to the Grantee under this clause shall also include Grantee's employees, agents, or Subgrantees/Subcontractors.

**29. 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.



**“Exhibit F”**  
**(CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING)**

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an office or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, or cooperative agreement.
  
- (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an office or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an office or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, “Disclosure of Lobbying Activities,” in accordance with its instructions.
  
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

**Agency Name:** Opportunity Council

**Authorized Representative:** Greg Winter, Executive Director

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Date:** 7/2/2021