



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: Opportunity Council – Behavioral Health Outreach Contract

DATE: May 18, 2021

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

- **Background and Purpose**

This contract provides funding for an Outreach worker and consulting services to the Opportunity Council's Homeless Outreach Team to engage people with opiate and substance use disorders who are experiencing homelessness with the goal of connecting them to appropriate treatment and other community services.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$120,776, is provided by the Federal Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959) passed through the North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization and the Behavioral Health Program Fund. These funds are included in the 2021-2022 budgets. Council approval is required as funding exceeds \$40,000.

- **Differences Between Previous Contracts**

This is a new contract; however, funding for these services has been provided through similar contracts between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council since 2017. This contract includes no significant changes from the contract that is currently in place (WC Contract #201706013).

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

