



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Charlene Ramont, Interim Director

RE: Catholic Community Services – Francis Place Contract

DATE: JUNE 6, 2025

Attached is a contract between Whatcom County and Catholic Community Services for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

This sole source contract provides partial funding for Catholic Community Services to provide 24/7/365 on-site supportive services and housing for people who have behavioral health disorders and who require these services to remain stably housed. Francis Place is a 42-unit apartment building that provides a mixture of rapid re-housing with a temporary rental subsidy and permanent supportive housing for individuals exiting homelessness. Special populations to be served at Francis Place include Veterans, individuals living with a physical or mental/behavioral health diagnosis, and individuals with a history of homelessness.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$277,723, is provided by local document recording fees (\$51,974) and the behavioral health and affordable housing funds (HB 1590 - \$225,749). These funds are included in the 2025 budget. Council authorization is required per WCC 3.08.100 as funding for this contract exceeds \$40,000.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contracts**

This is a new contract; however, funding for similar services has been provided since 2015. This contract includes the following changes from the contract ending on 06/30/2025 (WC Contract #202306002):

- Update to program population demographics and screening requirements
- Change in reporting requirements

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

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