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**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive  
**FROM:** Charlene Ramont, Assistant Director  
**RE:** Opportunity Council – 22 North Permanent Supportive Housing Contract  
**DATE:** **NOVEMBER 17, 2025**

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

- **Background and Purpose**

This sole source contract provides funding for the Opportunity Council to provide 24/7/365, on-site, supportive services, including case management and clinical behavioral health support, paired with housing for people who are living with a behavioral health diagnosis who require these services to remain stably housed. 22 North is a 40-unit apartment building that offers affordable, permanent supportive housing for individuals exiting homelessness. Special populations served at 22 North include veterans, young adults, individuals with disabilities, and individuals with a history of chronic homelessness.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$648,568, is provided by the Behavioral Health Program Fund (\$270,000) and local Document Recording Fees (\$378,568). All clients in permanent supportive housing facilities such as 22 North are eligible to be supported with Document Recording Fees. Behavioral Health Funds require that households served provide a confirmation of mental and/or behavioral health diagnosis. Total households served with Behavioral Health Program Funds will be in proportion to this contract's budget, with no less than half of households served through this contract eligible for Behavioral Health Program funds. These funds are included in the 2026 budget. Council authorization is required per WCC 3.08.100 as funding for this contract exceeds \$75,000.

- **Differences from Previous Contracts**

This is a new contract; however, funding for these purposes has been provided to the Opportunity Council since 2018. This contract includes updates to reporting measures and additional clarity around staff roles but includes no additional significant changes from the contract ending on 12/31/2025 (WC Contract #202207001).

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

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