



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

**FROM:** Erika Lautenbach, Director

**RE:** Mercy Housing Northwest – Trailview Apartments Permanent Supportive Housing Contract

**DATE:** August 25, 2022

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Attached is a contract between Whatcom County and Mercy Housing Northwest for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

This contract provides funding for personnel necessary to support housing stability for sixteen households that will reside at Mercy Housing Northwest’s new Trailview Apartments in Bellingham, Washington. Trailview Apartments provides 16 supportive housing units dedicated for families with children who are exiting homelessness. All families served will have incomes at or below 60% of the area median income when they are referred to the facility through the Whatcom Homeless Service Center. They will be prioritized by the local coordinated entry housing system. Because this project’s success with permanent housing stability requires long-term supportive services for these families, this contract’s initial funding term is set for 27 months (10/1/22-12/31/24) and subject to extension via amendment after the initial term.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$209,250, is provided by HB 1406 (Affordable & Supportive Housing – Sales and Use Tax) Funds. These funds are included in the 2022 budget and will be included in the 2023 and 2024 budgets. Council approval is required as funding exceeds \$40,000.

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