



# Memorandum

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive  
**FROM:** Erika Lautenbach, Director  
**RE:** Opportunity Council – 22 North Permanent Supportive Housing Contract Amendment #4  
**DATE:** MARCH 8, 2023

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

▪ **Background and Purpose**

22 North is a 40-unit apartment building that provides affordable, permanent supportive housing for individuals exiting homelessness. This contract provides funding for the Opportunity Council 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. Special populations to be served at 22 North include Veterans, young adults and individuals with a history of chronic homelessness. This amendment increases funding by \$25,000 from the Behavioral Health Program Fund and adds requirements to support onsite behavioral health services for residents and consultations for staff from a Behavioral Health Professional.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$268,950 during this contract period (01/01/2023 – 06/30/2023) and \$523,918 during the entire contract period (07/01/2022 – 06/30/2023) is provided by the Behavioral Health Program Fund, local 1590 funding and Mental Health Millage. These funds are included in the 2023 budget. Council authorization is required as the additional funding provided by this amendment exceeds 10% of the amount authorized by Council on 06/21/2022.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contracts**

Section	Revision Purpose
Exhibit A – Scope of Work	Adds requirements for onsite behavioral health services and related reporting requirements.
Exhibit B – Compensation	Increases funding by \$25,000 to support onsite behavioral health services

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