



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director
RE: Opportunity Council – Single Entry Access to Services Contract Amendment #2
DATE: May 12, 2021

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

▪ **Background and Purpose**

Developmental disabilities (DD) are conditions which result in physical, learning, language, or behavioral impairment and occur before the age of 18. The Single Entry Access to Services (SEAS) line provides an effective, single point of entry to connect families and professionals concerned about a child's development, to resources and services. Care navigation ensures coordination and follow-through with families and referral sources to ensure that timely connection to services are made. SEAS assisted 803 children and families in 2020. The Opportunity Council and Whatcom Center for Early Learning are the two local providers of 0 – 3 services and by mutual agreement, the Opportunity Council acts as a single point of entry for users of these services. The agencies split annual program costs that exceed funding provided by other sources. The purpose of this amendment is to increase the County's contribution to the program, in the amount of \$9,081, using state funds and reduce the financial contribution of provider agencies, impacted by revenue loss from under enrollment due to COVID-19.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$89,230 during this contract period (07/01/2020 – 06/30/2021) and \$169,379 for the entire contract period (07/01/2019 – 06/30/2021), is provided by local DD millage and state funds. These funds are included in the 2021 budget. Council approval is required as additional funding will exceed 10% of the approved budget.

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) if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request.

