



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: Opportunity Council – Housing and Essential Needs Program Contract Amendment #7

DATE: July 20, 2020

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

▪ **Background**

Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) is a program of the Washington State Department of Commerce Consolidated Homeless Grant (CHG) and provides funding for rent and utility assistance, essential needs items, and case management for recipients whose eligibility is determined by the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS).

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$2,037,324 in the current contract period (07/01/2020 – 06/30/2021) and \$4,666,787.50 in the entire contract period (07/01/2018 – 06/30/2021) is provided by the Washington State Department of Commerce CHG. Council approval is required as additional funding in this amendment exceeds 10% of the approved budget.

▪ **Changes from Previous Contract**

The purpose of this amendment is to add \$608,211 in HEN funding for State Fiscal Year 2020-21. The contractor will add two additional staff and households served will increase from 170 to 214.

Please contact Kathleen Roy at extension #6007 if you have any questions regarding this agreement.

Encl.

