



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

**FROM:** Erika Lautenbach, Director

**RE:** Opportunity Council – Whatcom Homeless Service Center Contract Amendment #7

**DATE:** November 16, 2021

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

- **Background and Purpose**

The Whatcom Homeless Service Center (WHSC) provides coordinated entry for the homeless housing system. The WHSC makes referrals to partner agencies for housing case management services, cultivates and maintains relationships with local landlords, and serves as liaison for homeless housing activities to the network of service providers and other community stakeholders. The purpose of this amendment is to extend the contract for an additional year and increase funding and program outcomes and measures to support an annual budget, outcomes, and measures, rather than those indicated in the previously approved six-month budget.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$1,650,248 is provided by the Washington State Department of Commerce Consolidated Homeless Grant, (including supplemental Shelter and RRH Grant), the federal Emergency Solutions-CV Grant (CFDA 14.231), local document recording fees, the Veteran's Assistance Fund, and HB 1406. These funds will be included in the 2022 budget. Council approval is required as funding for this amendment exceeds 10% of the approved budget.

Please contact Ann Beck, Human Services Supervisor at 360-778-6055 ([ABeck@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:ABeck@co.whatcom.wa.us)) or Kathleen Roy, Assistant Director at 360-778-6007 ([KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us)), if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request.

