



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director
RE: Opportunity Council – CJTA Rental Assistance Contract Amendment #4
DATE: JUNE 3, 2024

Attached is a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council for your review and signature. This amendment extends the contract for an additional year and updates the budget to reflect the extended contract period.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

This contract provides funding for the Opportunity Council to administer up to twelve months of rental assistance for people with co-occurring disorders (serious mental illness and SUD). Whatcom County seeks to ensure housing opportunities for people with criminal charges who are challenged with substance use disorders (SUD), are homeless or discharging from institutions, or who need a viable, clean and sober living environment.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract period, in an amount not to exceed \$74,457.60, is provided by the Behavioral Health Program Fund (\$20,000) and the Criminal Justice Treatment Account [(CJTA) - \$54,457.60] through the Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA). These funds are included in the 2024 budget. Council authorization is required as the funding provided by this amendment exceeds 10% of the amount last authorized by Council on 11/22/2022.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contracts**

| Section | Differences |
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| General Terms – Section 10.2 Extension | Extends contract through 06/30/2025 |
| Exhibit B – Compensation | Updates the budget to reflect the extended, one-year contract period |

Please contact Perry Mowery at 360-778-6059 (PMowery@co.whatcom.wa.us) if you have any questions.

Encl.