



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: Opportunity Council – Housing Case Management Contract

DATE: June 8, 2021

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

▪ **Background and Purpose**

Housing Case Managers provide assistance to households to access housing, improve housing stability and reduce homelessness through joint efforts between the Whatcom Homeless Service Center and the Community Services Divisions of the Opportunity Council. The purpose of this contract is to provide case management and supportive services to those individuals and households experiencing or at-risk of homelessness, or who are newly housed, in order to improve housing stability and reduce homelessness in Whatcom County.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$262,341, is provided by local document recording fees and the Washington State Department of Commerce Consolidated Homeless and Emergency Solutions COVID-19 Grants (CFDA 14.231). These funds are included in the 2021 budget. Council approval is required as funding exceeds \$40,000.

▪ **Differences Between Previous Contracts**

This is a new contract, awarded as a result of RFP 21-04; however, funding for these services has been provided through previous contracts between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council since 2011. This contract includes no significant changes from the contract that is currently in place (WC Contract #201611025).

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.

