



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director
RE: Pioneer Human Services – City Gate Permanent Supportive Housing Contract
DATE: NOVEMBER 25, 2024

Attached is a contract between Whatcom County and Pioneer Human Services for your review and signature.

- **Background and Purpose**

This contract provides partial funding for operations of a permanent supportive housing facility known as City Gate Apartments. City Gate is owned and operated by Pioneer Human Services and provides 37 units to a mix of individuals returning to Whatcom County under the supervision of the Washington State Department of Corrections, individuals exiting the Whatcom County Jail, individuals who are experiencing chronic homelessness and have a behavioral health disability, as well as chronically homeless veterans. Units may also be occupied by participants of the County's Mental Health Court Program. Case management and behavioral health services are provided at City Gate so that program participants have access to necessary services and supports that increase the likelihood of achieving and maintaining housing stability. This contract is awarded as a result of RFP 24-42.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$670,010 is provided by local document recording fees and the Behavioral Health Program fund. These funds are included in the 2025 budget. Council authorization is required as funding for this contract exceeds \$40,000.

- **Differences between Previous Contracts**

This is a new contract, however, funding for these services have been provided through previous contracts since 2012. This contract adds reimbursement for behavioral health services, updates contract language to reflect standardized language for scopes of work for similar contract types, and adds incident and severe weather planning templates but includes no additional significant changes from the contract ending on 12/31/2024 (WC contract #202012036).

Please contact Christopher D'Onofrio, Housing and Homeless Services Supervisor at 360-778-6049 (CDonofrio@co.whatcom.wa.us) if you have any questions.

Encl.