WHATCOM COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT



MEMORANDUM

TO:	Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM:	Erika Lautenbach, Director
RE:	Catholic Community Services – Housing Case Management Contract Amendment #1
DATE:	November 10, 2021

Attached is a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Catholic Community Services for your review and signature.

Background and Purpose

This contract funds the provision of housing case management services for individuals and families that may be experiencing homelessness or residing in scattered units as well as staffed housing programs. The majority of clients served by this contract have a history of behavioral health disorders and/or medical problems that require intensive case management services. Case management improves housing stability and promotes housing retention, thereby reducing homelessness in Whatcom County. The purpose of this amendment is to extend the contract for an additional year and increase funding based on an annual budget rather than the previously approved 6-month budget.

Funding Amount and Source

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$336,678, is provided by local document recording fees, HB 1590 and the Washington State Department of Commerce Emergency Solutions COVID-19 Grant (CFDA 14.231). These funds will be included in the 2022 budget. Council approval is required as funding for this extended contract period exceeds 10% of the approved budget.

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

