



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

**FROM:** Erika Lautenbach, Director

**RE:** Opportunity Council – Whatcom Homeless Service Center Contract Amendment #2

**DATE:** March 19, 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 increase funding by \$300,000 from County COVID response funds to support emergency shelter in motels for 71 families with children, \$31,810 from the Consolidated Homeless Grant for rental assistance to support chronically homeless families with children, and \$250,000 in funding from local sales tax revenue for rental assistance under HB 1406 for housing services to 70-80 families with children. The subsequent increase in indirect costs will be funded by Local Document Recording Fees. This amendment will also correct miscalculated indirect costs reflected in amendment #1.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$1,514,822, is provided by the Washington State Department of Commerce Consolidated Homeless Grant, the federal Emergency Solutions-CV Grant (CFDA 14.231), HB 2060 Low-Income Housing Funds, local document recording fees, the Veteran's Assistance Fund, HB 1406, and Whatcom County's COVID Response Fund. These funds are included in the 2021 budget. Council approval is required as additional funding will exceed 10% of the approved budget.

Please contact Kathleen Roy at extension #6007 if you have any questions regarding this agreement.

Encl.

