



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director
RE: Opportunity Council – CJTA Rental Assistance Contract Amendment #4
DATE: April 20, 2021

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

- **Background and Purpose**

Whatcom County seeks to increase housing opportunities for people with criminal charges who are challenged with substance use disorders (SUD), are experiencing homelessness or are discharging from institutions, or who need a viable, clean and sober living environment. This contract provides up to six months of funding for rental assistance for people with co-occurring disorders (serious mental illness and SUD). This amendment increases funding by \$15,000 for rental assistance and associated staff time and allows reimbursement for the Contractor to serve eligible individuals affected by the Blake decision (described in the Scope of Work (II.)), who would otherwise not receive services under this contract.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract period (07/01/2020 – 06/30/2021), may not to exceed \$84,843 and funding for the entire contract period (01/01/2019 – 06/30/2021) may not exceed \$238,159. Funding is provided by the Criminal Justice Treatment Account (CJTA) through the Washington State Health Care Authority. These funds are included in the 2021 budget. Council approval is required as additional funding exceeds 10% of the approved budget.

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.

