WHATCOM COUNTY

Health Department



Erika Lautenbach, Director **Greg Stern, M.D.,** Health Officer

MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: Catholic Community Services – Housing Case Management Contract

DATE: June 11, 2021

Attached is a contract 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 site 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 homeless in Whatcom County.

Funding Amount and Source

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$168,339, is provided by local document recording fees and the Washington State Department of Commerce Emergency Solutions COVID-19 Grant (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 Catholic Community Services since 2011. This contract includes no significant changes from the previous contract (WC Contract #201611029).

Please contact Anne Deacon, Human Services Manager at 360-778-6054 (<u>ADeacon@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.

