



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: Catholic Community Services – Francis Place Contract Amendment #6

DATE: September 17, 2021

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

- **Background and Purpose**

Francis Place is a forty-two unit apartment building that provides affordable, permanent supportive housing to individuals experiencing homelessness who have behavioral health disorders and other individuals experiencing homelessness who require supportive housing to maintain stable housing. This contract provides partial funding to support 24/7/365 facility-based staffing to ensure a safe, supportive living environment conducive to housing stability and a recovery-oriented life for its tenants and a positive relationship with neighborhood residents and businesses. The purpose of this amendment is to increase funding by \$60,757 for 1 FTE Behavioral Health Specialist position to be shared by Francis Place and 22 North, a permanent supportive housing program operated by the Opportunity Council. This position will provide behavioral health support in these two programs for residents, and related consultation services for program staff.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$306,173 for this contract period (07/01/2021 – 06/30/2022) and \$790,505 for the entire contract period (07/01/2019 – 06/30/2022), is provided by the Behavioral Health Program Fund and County-held SHB 2060 Funds. These funds are included in the 2021 budget. Council approval is required as the additional funding provided by this amendment exceeds 10% of the approved budget.

Please contact Ann Beck, Human Services Supervisor at 360-778-6055 (ABeck@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.

