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PAUL G. ALLEN AWARDS COMPASS HOUSING ALLIANCE \$1 MILLION FOR INNOVATIVE SOLUTION TO HOMELESSNESS

Compass Housing Alliance's Compass Crossing Pilot Program received \$1 million from Paul G. Allen today, helping to fund an innovative pilot project partnering people-centered care with affordable, green, and responsive steel modular housing as an innovative solution to homelessness. The total cost for Compass Crossing is \$1.75 million. The \$1 million grant will satisfy capital expenses for the Compass Crossing Project. Compass Housing Alliance expects to begin module installation in November and open housing in December 2016.

"Paul Allen is deeply committed to strengthening the Seattle community, having contributed nearly a quarter billion dollars to King County initiatives over the past 20 years," said Paul Butler, program lead for the Paul G. Allen Homeless Program. *"Our partnership with Compass Housing Alliance is an opportunity to build on this legacy by supporting an innovative pilot program, that could provide a framework to more quickly serve the unsheltered homeless population in King County."*

Compass Crossing Pilot Project is an innovative housing development at the corner of Angeline and 39th Ave S in Columbia City. The housing development will be located on property owned by Compass Housing Alliance and currently leased by the Columbia City Church of Hope. The project features a unique partnership with locally-based company OneBuild and their innovative work in developing steel modular housing. This product, in combination with Compass' nearly hundred year expertise in providing people centered services provides new opportunities to address the State of Emergency on homelessness as declared by City of Seattle Ed Murray and King County Executive Dow Constantine late last year. The pilot project features 13 housing units; six double occupancy rooms at 240 square feet and seven single occupancy rooms at 160 square feet. The target population are couples and individuals who are unable to access current shelter resources citing lack of accommodations for partners, pets, and their possessions. Residents will receive tailored services to address their barriers to obtaining permanent housing.

"We are deeply grateful for Paul Allen's generosity and shared vision with both Compass Housing and OneBuild to use innovation to develop dignified, cost effective, flexible and scalable housing for our community. His gift provides the opportunity to provide a "proof of concept" of this radical solution in the midst of our current State of Emergency that we hope will spur multiple partnerships and investments throughout King County." shared Janet Pope, executive director of Compass Housing Alliance.

Compass Crossing is unique in that its steel-frame modular construction can reduce the costs and time of traditional housing construction by more than 70%. While new to the United States, steel frame modular construction has been used in Europe for hospitals, student housing, hotels, and residences over 20 years. These units are built with an integrated design approach and can be tailored for any size or population in future development. Once purchased, the steel frame modular units become a permanent asset and can be moved from one site to another, providing additional flexibility to meet local and emergent community need.

Reflecting Compass Housing Alliance's people-centered programmatic approach, Compass Crossing will be staffed with on-site licensed mental health and case management professionals to assist in address barriers to stability and successfully transition out of homelessness. The development will be pet friendly, contain individualized storage, and options for partners to be housed together. The development will also

feature a multi-purpose community room and kitchen, garden space, and on-site case management and property management services. Over a period of three years, Compass Crossing expects to help 50 individuals achieve stability.

About Compass Housing Alliance

Compass Housing Alliance (CHA) is an established provider of emergency shelter, housing, and support services homeless and low-income individuals. CHA is a housing expert providing transitional, permanent, low-income housing, serving families, women, veterans, and individuals in need. CHA touches the lives of over 16,000 individuals annually with 48 people-centered programs within 27 locations throughout the Puget Sound region. www.compasshousingalliance.org

About OneBuild

Headquartered in Seattle, WA, OneBuild was founded by Dale Sperling in 2010 with the vision to become the West Coast's preferred supplier of off-site, manufactured building modules and components to the construction industry. OneBuild has extensive experience in real estate design, operations, construction, manufacturing and engineering. www.onebuild.com

Additional Project resources and project renderings can be found at www.compasshousingalliance.org. All renderings are courtesy of OneBuild.

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