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Compass Health breaking ground on \$26M supportive housing project

- ***When it opens next year, the building will double the behavioral health provider's housing capacity in Snohomish County.***

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Compass Health is expected to break ground today on the first of three phases to redevelop its Broadway campus in downtown Everett into permanent supportive housing. The redo is part of an effort to fight regional homelessness by combining housing with behavioral health care and integrated medical care.

The \$26 million first phase includes a five-story, 47,000-square-foot building at Lombard Avenue and 33rd Street. It will have 82 housing units in four wood-frame floors for low-income individuals with chronic mental illness. There will be a mix of studios and one- and two-bedroom units, with a recreation room, computer center and common laundry.



Image from Compass Health/Environmental Works [\[enlarge\]](#)

The ground floor will have over 10,000 square feet for mental health and homelessness programs, including peer support, homeless outreach and housing stabilization. Included will be services for Compass Health's nonresidential clients and a meals program.

The first phase includes four floors of housing over a ground floor of support services.

Compass says residents may include military veterans and individuals transitioning out of Western State Hospital. When it opens next year, the building will double Compass Health's housing capacity in Snohomish County.

Funding is coming from Washington State Housing Trust Fund, Snohomish County Housing and Community Services, Washington State Housing Finance Commission, National Equity Fund, Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines, Coastal Community Bank, Impact Capital, Washington Community Reinvestment Association, Key Bank, Housing Authority of Snohomish County, Premera Social Impact, private foundations and individual donors.

Here's the project team: Lotus Development Partners (development manager), Environmental Works (architect), BNBuilders (general contractor), Harmsen (civil engineer), Swensen Say Faget (structural engineer), Sider & Byers (mechanical and electrical engineer) and Thomas Rengstorf (landscape design).

The second phase will include an 82,000-square-foot building for behavioral health prevention and early intervention to replace Compass Health's 70-year-old Bailey Center building on Broadway Avenue. The project's website says this phase will cost \$44 million and open in winter 2023.

This building will have a 16-bed crisis stabilization unit and a 16-bed inpatient unit, according to the website. It also will house residential treatment for people with co-occurring mental health/chemical dependency disorders, an outpatient behavioral health care unit, and offices for crisis prevention, outreach and engagement teams.

Compass says this phase has received partial funding and it is seeking additional funds.

Phase three is still in the early design stage, but could include a 100,000-square-foot building to house behavioral health services integrated with a primary health care clinic and pharmacy. There also would be permanent supportive housing units and space for administrative offices in this building.

Compass serves over 22,000 people each year in Snohomish, Skagit, Island, San Juan and Whatcom counties.