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Supportive housing project topped out

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Compass Health on Monday topped out a building with 82 permanent supportive apartments for people experiencing homelessness or chronic behavioral health challenges at 3301 Lombard Ave. in downtown Everett.

Leaders and crews ceremonially placed the final structural beam in the \$26 million five-story building, the first phase of the community behavioral health agency's Broadway Campus Redevelopment project.

In a press release, the agency said the apartments will help relieve the critical need for housing that has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.



Photo provided by Compass Health [\[enlarge\]](#)

Compass Health is building apartments in downtown Everett.

The housing is ahead of schedule and slated to open in April. It will include units available to military veterans and people returning to the community from Western State Hospital. The apartments will double Compass Health's housing in Snohomish County.

Compass Health CEO and president Tom Sebastian said, "We knew prior to the COVID-19 outbreak that community members experiencing mental health challenges were in need of stable housing, and we're extremely grateful to our development and construction teams which helped us to drive forward with this project, recognizing that these needs will be heightened by the pandemic in the coming months."

Work began in March on the 47,000-square-foot building designed to operate under the Housing First model. This initiative aligns with the city of Everett's Safe Streets program intended to help people transition out of homelessness through low-barrier access to housing and other on-site services.

The 10,000-square-foot ground floor will host mental health treatment, peer support, homeless outreach, housing stabilization and other programs intended to support residents and others in the community.

The project's design adheres to the Evergreen Sustainable Development Standards including energy-efficient and green-building features.

General contractor BNBuilders employs safety and protective measures under local, state and federal COVID-19 guidelines. On site, personnel must sign in daily to certify they do not have symptoms and undergo a temperature check. Workers also wear required PPE including a face covering at all times, maintaining a six-foot distance from other team members.

The team includes Lotus Development Partners, development manager; Environmental Works architect; Harmsen, civil; Swenson Say Faget, structural; Sider & Byers, mechanical and electrical; and Thomas Rengstorf, landscape design. Subcontractors include Berg Electric, Harris (plumbing),

United Mechanical, Alliance Partitions, Frontier Door and Cabinet, G&W Flooring and Washington Commercial Painters.

The housing is part of a three-phase state-of-the-art regional center Compass Health said it plans for downtown. Phase two of the campus redevelopment will be an advanced facility for a range of adaptable services to replace its 70-year-old Bailey Center building on Broadway Avenue. It has received partial funding from Washington State Department of Commerce's Behavioral Health Facilities and Building Communities Funds, Primary Care Development Corp. and private contributions.

Phase three is in early design. Compass said it is projected to focus on integrating behavioral health services with a primary healthcare clinic and pharmacy, in addition to supporting other services.

Support for phase one comes from sources that include Snohomish County Housing and Community Services, Housing Authority of Snohomish County, Washington State Housing Trust Fund, Washington State Housing Finance Commission, National Equity Fund, Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines, Coastal Community Bank, Impact Capital, Premera Social Impact, KeyBank N.A., the Washington Community Reinvestment Association and individual, corporate and foundation donors.