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New building helps King County nonprofit cut costs

BOTHELL— A longtime nonprofit serving disabled adults in Seattle and King County will purchase their own office building through financing from the Washington State Housing Finance Commission.

Thanks to a $1.3 million tax-exempt bond issued by the Commission for the purchase, Alpha Supported Living Services will consolidate two administrative offices into one—dramatically decreasing overhead costs as well as driving times for its 300 employees.

Alpha Supported Living Services (www.alphasls.com) is a non-profit provider of housing and services to adults with developmental disabilities throughout Seattle and King County. The newly acquired building is at 16030 Juanita-Woodinville Way in Bothell.

“In addition to affordable housing, the Commission also aims to expand quality community nonprofit facilities for the people of Washington,” said Karen Miller, chair of the Washington State Housing Finance Commission. “This project is a great example of how we can give nonprofits cost-effective and flexible options.”

“We are happy to have this opportunity to cut costs and expenses by owning rather than renting our facility,” said Scott Livengood, chief executive officer of Alpha. “Saving on the costs of financing was an added plus.”

Alpha Supported Living Services (ASLS) is the largest non-profit in Washington providing supported living services to people with developmental disabilities. It was founded in 1974 and now serves 90 adults living in 30 private group homes across King County (Seattle, Shoreline, Issaquah, Bellevue, Bothell, Kirkland). Residents receive 24-hour assistance and access to a full array of physical, financial, social, intellectual, and emotional supports in a neighborhood setting.

The Commission’s tax-exempt financing will help to ensure Alpha’s continuing growth of services to adults with developmental disabilities, as well as referral services for other populations, such as those with autism spectrum deficiencies.

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