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By Representatives Orwall, Gregerson, and Santos

1 AN ACT Relating to contracts with community service organizations  
2 for public improvements; and amending RCW 35.21.278.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.21.278 and 2019 c 352 s 7 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Without regard to competitive bidding laws for public works,  
7 a county, city, town, school district, metropolitan park district,  
8 park and recreation district, port district, or park and recreation  
9 service area may contract with a chamber of commerce, a service  
10 organization, a community, youth, or athletic association, or other  
11 similar association located and providing service in the immediate  
12 neighborhood, for drawing design plans, making improvements to a  
13 park, school playground, public square, public right-of-way, other  
14 public spaces, or port habitat site, installing equipment,  
15 landscaping, or artworks, or providing maintenance services for such  
16 a project, or for a facility or facilities as a community or  
17 neighborhood project, or for an environmental justice stewardship or  
18 sustainability project, and may reimburse the contracting association  
19 its expense. The contracting association may use volunteers in the  
20 project and provide the volunteers with clothing or tools; meals or  
21 refreshments; accident/injury insurance coverage; and reimbursement

1 of their expenses. The consideration to be received by the public  
2 entity through the value of the improvements, artworks, landscaping,  
3 equipment, or maintenance shall have a value at least equal to  
4 (~~three times that of~~) the payment to the contracting association.  
5 All payments made by a public entity under the authority of this  
6 section for all such contracts in any one year shall not exceed  
7 twenty-five thousand dollars or two dollars per resident within the  
8 boundaries of the public entity, whichever is greater.

9 (2) A county, city, town, school district, metropolitan park  
10 district, park and recreation district, or park and recreation  
11 service area may ratify an agreement, which qualifies under  
12 subsection (1) of this section and was made before June 9, 1988.

13 (3) Without regard to competitive bidding laws for public works,  
14 a school district, institution of higher education, or other  
15 governmental entity that includes training programs for students may  
16 contract with a community service organization, nonprofit  
17 organization, or other similar entity, to build tiny houses for low-  
18 income housing, if the students participating in the building of the  
19 tiny houses are in:

- 20 (a) Training in a community and technical college construction or
- 21 construction management program;
- 22 (b) A career and technical education program;
- 23 (c) A state recognized apprenticeship preparation program; or
- 24 (d) Training under a construction career exploration program for
- 25 high school students administered by a nonprofit organization.

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