



MEMORANDUM

TO: Whatcom County Council

FROM: Finance Department, by way of Executive's Office

RE: Budget Actions Related to the 23-Hour Crisis Relief Center and Justice facilities

DATE: August 11th, 2026

As the Justice Project moves forward into design, one of the key changes made during the validation phase was the merging of the 23-hour crisis relief center with the proposed behavioral care center.

The actions articulated in the enclosed ordinances close the 23-hour crisis relief center fund and move those resources over to the Public Health, Safety, and Justice Facility Fund where all costs for the Behavioral Care Center are housed.

These actions are companion pieces to AB2026-618 which requests an appropriation of \$22.5 million to fund the Justice Facility project to proceed from validation phase into design phase without interruption for a total project budget of \$45,858,524.