



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

**FROM:** Erika Lautenbach, Director

**RE:** Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services (DVSAS) – Emergency Shelter Contract

**DATE:** November 16, 2022

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Attached is a contract between Whatcom County and DVSAS for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

DVSAS has operated Whatcom County’s only emergency domestic violence shelter since 2014. This contract provides funding for personnel and other costs necessary to operate and maintain three safe shelters in Whatcom County which include a 21-bed house for women with children and two other houses (totaling 16 beds) for single women.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, is provided by HB 2060 Low-Income Housing Funds. These funds are included in the 2023 budget. Council approval is required as funding exceeds \$40,000.

▪ **Differences between Previous Contracts**

This is a new contract, however funding for these services has been provided through previous contracts since 2012. This contract includes new reporting requirements but makes no significant changes to the scope of work from the contract currently in place (WC Contract #201812008).

Please contact Ann Beck, Community Services Manager at 360-778-6055 ([ABeck@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:ABeck@co.whatcom.wa.us)) or Kathleen Roy, Assistant Director at 360-778-6007 ([KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us)) if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request.

