

WINTER SHELTER UPDATE

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Whatcom County
HEALTH
Department



A WHOLE COMMUNITY APPROACH

INVEST IN LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS

- **BUILDING MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING**
 - **HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS HIRING AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM SPECIALIST**
 - **NEW COVID-19 FUNDING SUPPORT**
- **FUNDING SUPPORT SERVICES NEEDED FOR SUCCESS**

ADDRESS HOUSING NEEDS AS A HEALTH DETERMINANT

- **FINDINGS OF COVID-19 COMMUNITY HEALTH**

FOCUS OF OUR PLANNING

BUILD UPON CURRENT RESOURCES

- **PARTNER WITH
ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE
EXPERIENCE IN THIS WORK**

PRIORITIZE SOME OF THE MOST VULNERABLE

- Families w/children
- Medically fragile

BUILDING CAPACITY

- **30 NEW TINY HOMES (GARDEN VIEW)**
- **25 TINY HOMES (SWIFTHAVEN)**
- **25 YOUNG ADULT BEDS WITH NWYS**
- **10 BEDS FOR SENIOR WOMEN AT YWCA**
- **200 BEDS AT BASECAMP**
- **40 OVERFLOW BEDS CTK**
- **INCREASED MOTEL**



WHERE TO GO?

- **BASE CAMP FOR CHECK IN
(1530 CORNWALL AVE.)**
- **COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER
AT THE OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL
(360-734-5121)**
- **360-788-7983 FOR OPEN
SHELTERS**