



MEMORANDUM

TO: Whatcom County Council

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

RE: Budget Actions Related to the Justice Facilities

DATE: August 11th, 2026

As the Justice Project moves forward into design, it is essential to have the budget authority to continue that work. This budget item requests an appropriation of \$22.5 million to fund the Justice Facility project as it proceeds from validation phase into design phase without interruption for a total project budget of \$45,858,524.

This works as a companion item to AB2026-617 and AB2026-619 which consolidate the fund and accounting for the 23 hour crisis relief center and the behavioral care center.