

**WHATCOM COUNTY
EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE**

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Satpal Singh Sidhu
County Executive

MEMO:

TO: Whatcom County Council

DATE: December 30, 2020

FROM: Tawni Helms, Administrative Coordinator

RE: Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services Contract

Background and Purpose:

The Bellingham-Whatcom County Commission Against Domestic Violence was established under Whatcom County Code 2.108. The purpose of the Commission is to provide leadership in the community's effort to reduce and prevent domestic violence.

This contract for services helps fund the administrative, management and support services of the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services. The Domestic Violence Commission will cultivate strong relationships with agencies, institutions, individuals and the community as a whole. Host trainings and conferences, conduct focus groups and utilize research and data to identify new and effective approaches to evaluate project outcomes. They will coordinate public outreach and education. They will work with schools and support community efforts to for effective and accessible domestic violence perpetrator treatment.

Funding Amount and Source:

The 2021-2022 budget has allocated \$60,000 for each year for a total of \$120,000 for the biennium budget term. Funding source is the General Fund.

Requested Action:

Seeking Council approval for the 2-year agreement with the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services.