



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: YWCA Bellingham – Shelter Grant Contract

DATE: November 20, 2020

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

- **Background and Purpose**

Creating new interim shelter beds for individuals experiencing homelessness is one of the seven key strategies in the *Strategic Plan to End Homelessness in Whatcom County* and provides alternatives to unhealthy and unsafe sleeping locations. This contract provides funding to YWCA to provide five new shelter beds for unaccompanied women aged 55 or older, who are experiencing homelessness.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$122,020, is provided by HB 2060 funds and the Washington State Department of Commerce Shelter Program Grant. These funds are included in the 2020 budget. Council approval is required as funding exceeds \$40,000.

Please contact Kathleen Roy at extension #6007 if you have any questions regarding this agreement.

Encl.

