



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: Northwest Youth Services – Winter Shelter Contract

DATE: December 16, 2021

Attached is a contract between Whatcom County and Northwest Youth Services for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

This contract provides partial funding to support emergency interim housing for young adults between the ages of 18 – 24 years of age during the 2021-2022 winter in Whatcom County. Northwest Youth Services (NWYS) will operate an overnight Winter Shelter for young adults experiencing homelessness and provide these individuals with a safe place to sleep during the winter months. The Winter Shelter is being operated from December 1, 2021 – March 1, 2022. The City of Bellingham will provide funding for the month of December through a separate agreement with NWYS.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$81,000 is provided by County American Rescue Plan Act funds (CFDA 21.027) and the Washington State Department of Commerce’s Emergency Solutions Grant COVID (ESG-CV – CFDA 14.231). These funds are included in the 2022 budget. Council approval is required as funding exceeds \$40,000.

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

