



MEMORANDUM

TO: Whatcom County Council
FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director
RE: City of Bellingham – Severe Weather Shelter Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
DATE: January 24, 2022

Attached is an MOU between Whatcom County and City of Bellingham for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

This MOU outlines a commitment between the City of Bellingham (COB) and Whatcom County (WC) to provide an additional daytime (COB) and nighttime (WC) low-barrier shelter options for those without homes and for those that are restricted or not comfortable utilizing other shelter options, during severe weather emergencies and as determined by the Health Department.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Each agency is responsible for covering all operating costs of their respective shelter. In the event that WC utilizes a COB-owned facility, COB will not charge WC with lease or utility costs. Council approval is required per RCW 39.34.030(2) for agreements between public agencies.

Please contact Ann Beck, Human Services Supervisor at 360-778-6055 (ABeck@co.whatcom.wa.us) or Erika Lautenbach, Director at 360-778-6005 (ELautenb@co.whatcom.wa.us), if you have any questions or concerns regarding this Agreement.

