



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: YWCA Bellingham – Seasonal Shelter Operations Contract

DATE: November 6, 2024

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

- **Background and Purpose**

This contract provides funding for YWCA Bellingham to provide supportive services and oversight for families supported in emergency motel shelters over the winter of 2024-2025. Whatcom County continues to experience a shortage of life-saving emergency shelters during severe weather episodes. The severe weather experienced in Whatcom County over the last few years has demonstrated a need to provide additional shelter options for the County's most vulnerable people, including women with children. This contract is awarded as a result of RFP 24-82.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$98,158, is provided by the Washington State Department of Commerce Consolidated Homeless Grant. These funds are included in the 2024 budget. Council authorization is required per WCC 3.08.100 as funding for this contract exceeds \$40,000.

Please contact Christopher D'Onofrio, Housing & Homeless Services Supervisor at 360-778-6049 (CDonofrio@co.whatcom.wa.us) if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request.