



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director
RE: Northwest Youth Services – Street Outreach and Engagement Contract
DATE: NOVEMBER 25, 2024

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

- **Background and Purpose**

This contract provides partial funding for Northwest Youth Services' outreach and engagement program. Through this program, Northwest Youth Services will operate a mobile hub of community services that provides fresh meals, essential needs items, survival supplies, connections to shelter, housing projects, and other community resources that are needed by vulnerable young people experiencing a housing crisis. This contract is awarded as a result of RFP 24-42.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

A six-month contract is proposed to align future contract periods with the state fiscal year starting July 1, 2025. Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000, is provided by the Consolidated Homeless Grant. These funds are included in the 2025 budget. Council authorization is required per WCC 3.08.100, as funding for this contract exceeds \$40,000.

Please contact Chris D'Onofrio, Housing & Homeless Services Supervisor at 360-778-6049 (CDonofri@co.whatcom.wa.us), if you have any questions.

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