



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: Northwest Youth Services – Ground Floor Day Use Center Contract Amendment #2

DATE: September 17, 2021

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

- **Background and Purpose**

This contract supports operations at the Ground Floor Day Use Center, an accessible, supportive, and service rich space for youth aged 13 – 24 in Whatcom County who are experiencing homelessness or housing instability. This funding is intended to provide early interventions in young people’s lives to promote health, wellbeing, and community connections. This amendment increases funding by \$10,000 for hazard pay and subsequent indirect costs for staff working at the Center during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$145,000 for this contract period (01/01/2021 – 12/31/2021) and \$270,000 for the entire contract period (01/29/2020 – 12/31/2021), is the County General Fund and the federal Emergency Solutions COVID-19 Grant (CFDA 14.231) passed through the Washington State Department of Commerce. These funds are included in the 2021 budget. Council approval is required as the additional funding provided by this amendment increases the approved budget by more than 10%.

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 regarding this request.

