



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services – Emergency Shelter Operations and Maintenance Contract Amendment #6

DATE: June 14, 2022

Attached is a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services for your review and signature.

▪ Background and Purpose

Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services (DVSAS) has operated Whatcom County's only emergency domestic violence shelter since 2014. This contract provides funding for personnel and costs necessary to operate and maintain three safe shelters in Whatcom County which include a 21-bed house for women with children and two other houses (totaling 16 beds) for single women. This amendment increases funding by \$1,500 for the purchase of air conditioners and other severe weather mitigation equipment.

▪ Funding Amount and Source

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$41,000 for this contract period (01/01/2022 – 12/31/2022) and \$150,500 for the entire contract period (01/01/2019 – 12/31/2022), is provided by HB 2060 Low-Income Housing Funds. These funds are included in the 2022 budget. Council approval is required as the budget will exceed \$40,000 in the current contract period with the funds added by this amendment.

Please contact Ann Beck, Community Services Manager 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.

