



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director
RE: Northwest Youth Services – Emergency Interim Shelter Contract Amendment #3
DATE: May 13, 2022

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

▪ **Background and Purpose**

This contract provides funding to support extended operations of an emergency interim shelter for young adults between the ages of 18 – 24 years of age. Northwest Youth Services (NWYS) operates an overnight shelter for young adults experiencing homelessness and provides these individuals with a safe place to sleep. This amendment increases Washington State Department of Commerce Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) funding by \$160,500 and Local Document Recording Fee funding by \$4,500 to support operations of the shelter through December 31, 2022, while a permanent solution is developed.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$250,018, is provided by County American Rescue Plan Act funds (CFDA 21.017), the Washington State Department of Commerce's ESG-CV (CFDA 14.231), and local document recording fees. These funds are included in the 2022 budget. Council approval is required as the additional funding provided by this amendment increases funding by more than 10% of the approved budget.

Please contact Ann Beck, Human 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.

