



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Tawni Helms, Administrative Coordinator

RE: Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services

DATE: November 29, 2022

Enclosed is the Contract for Services between Whatcom County and Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

The Bellingham-Whatcom County Commission Against Domestic Violence was established under Whatcom county Code 2.108. The purpose of the Commission is to provide leadership in the community's effort to reduce and prevent domestic violence.

This contract for services helps fund the administrative, management and support services of the domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services. The Domestic Violence Commission will cultivate strong relationships with agencies, institutions, individuals and the community as a whole. Host trainings and conferences, conduct focus groups and utilize research and data to identify new and effective approaches to evaluate project outcomes. They will coordinate public outreach and education. They will work with schools and support community efforts for effective and accessible domestic violence perpetrator treatment.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding in the amount of \$180,000 will come from the General Fund as approved through Ordinance 2022-070.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contract**

This contract increases the annual compensation by 50% to include an additional \$30,000 per year.

Please contact Tawni Helms at extension 5208, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.