



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: Northwest Youth Services – Housing Case Management Contract Amendment #1

DATE: October 1, 2021

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 housing case management and supportive services to youth through age 24, who are referred by the Whatcom Homeless Service Center. The goal of these services is to improve housing stability and reduce homelessness in Whatcom County. The purpose of this amendment is to increase the amount of case management available to homeless youth. It also allows for supplementary hazard pay as a means of workforce retention during the COVID-19 pandemic. This amendment adds ESG-CV funding in the amount of \$28,977 to support increased case management and \$5,000 in hazard pay for staff providing direct services.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$212,748, is provided by local document recording fees and the Washington State Department of Commerce Emergency Solutions COVID-19 Grant (CFDA 14.231). These funds are included in the 2021 budget. Council approval is required as additional funding provided by this amendment exceeds 10% of the approved budget.

Please contact Ann Beck, Human Services Supervisor at 360-778-6005 (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.

