



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: Northwest Youth Services – Education & Employment Services (formerly Employment Support) Contract Amendment #1

DATE: June 15, 2022

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

- **Background and Purpose**

This contract provides partial funding to support the Northwest Youth Services (NWYS) Vocational Program which supports an estimated 110 youth and young adults per year in finding and maintaining employment or enrolling in an educational program. Through this program, homeless and at-risk youth are given the opportunity to develop vocational skills in a supportive process which may prevent youth homelessness or support youth and young adults in avoiding the path to adult chronic homelessness. This amendment extends the contract for an additional year.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$25,900, is provided by the Behavioral Health Program Fund. These funds are included in the 2022 budget. Council approval is required as cumulative funding for the entire contract period (07/01/2021 – 06/30/2023) exceeds \$40,000.

Please contact Jackie Mitchell, Program Specialist at 360-778-6048 (JMitchel@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.

