

Winter Shelter Update

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Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole



A Whole Community Approach



Invest in long-term solutions

- Building more affordable housing
 - Health Department is hiring an Affordable Housing Program Specialist
 - New COVID-19 funding support
- Funding support services needed for success

Address housing needs as a health determinant

- Findings of COVID-19 Community Health Impact Assessment
- Housing cost increases and tight rental market

Focus of Our Planning



Build upon current resources

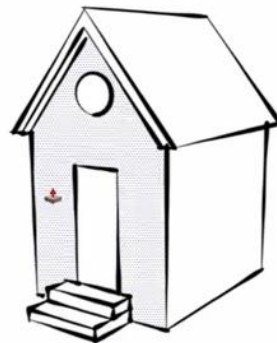
- Support those with experience to increase capacity

Prioritize the most vulnerable

- Increasing need
- Resource shortages

Building Capacity

- 30 new tiny homes
- 25 young adult beds with NWYS
- 10 beds for senior women at YWCA
- 240 beds at Basecamp and overflow
- Increased motel funding for families with children



Where to go?

- Base Camp for check in
- Community Resource Center at the Opportunity Council
- 360-788-7983 for open shelters