



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: Northwest Youth Services – Positive Adolescent Development (PAD) Program Contract

DATE: November 15, 2022

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

▪ **Background and Purpose**

This contract provides funding for operation and maintenance of Northwest Youth Service’s PAD Program, which provides emergency shelter and support services for 13 to 17-year old runaway and homeless youth. The PAD Program provides a safe and stable environment where support, connection to behavioral health services and assistance with creation of a permanent housing plan are all available to youth.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$115,000, is provided by HB 2060 Low-income Housing Funds. These funds are included in the 2023 budget. Council approval is required as funding exceeds \$40,000.

▪ **Differences between Previous Contracts**

This is a new contract, however funding for these services has been provided through previous contracts for these services since 2012. This contract updates reporting requirements but makes no additional significant revisions from the contract currently in place (WC Contract #201811004).

Please contact Ann Beck, Community 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.

