1 2	PROPOSED BY: EXECUTIVE INTRODUCTION DATE: FEBRUARY 6, 2024		
3	INTRODUCTION DATE. TEBROART 0, 2024		
4 5	ORDINANCE NO ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE 23-HOUR CRISIS RELIEF CENTER FUND AND ESTABLISHING A PROJECT BASED BUDGET FOR THE 23-HOUR CRISIS RELIEF CENTER PROJECT		
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10 11 12 13	WHEREAS , the local continuum of behavioral health services is inadequate to meet the needs of individuals in crisis; and		
14 15 16	WHEREAS , on July 11, 2023, the Whatcom County Council adopted <u>Ordinance No.</u> 2023-039 to approve the Justice Project Needs Assessment Implementation Plan; and		
17 18 19	WHEREAS , "build a 23-hour Crisis Relief Center" is identified as an initial project in the Implementation Plan; and		
20 21 22	WHEREAS , the County is now ready to begin pre-development of a 23-hour Crisis Relief Center, as established in Chapter 433, Laws of 2023, State of Washington; and		
23 24 25	WHEREAS , the State of Washington has awarded \$9,000,000 to grant to Whatcom County for this project; and		
26 27 28	WHEREAS , the County and the Washington State Department of Commerce must enter into contract for this grant; and		
29 30 31	WHEREAS , the County can utilize its behavioral health fund to begin predevelopment work on the project and accelerate the project timeline; and		
32 33 34 35 36	WHEREAS , Section 6.80 of the Whatcom County Home Rule Charter allows for project-based capital budget appropriation ordinances that lapse when the project has been completed or abandoned or when no expenditure or encumbrance has been made for thee (3) years; and		
37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that a new fund is hereby established titled 23-hour Crisis Relief Center Fund. This fund shall be used to account for the revenues and expenditures of the capital project mentioned above; and		

1 2 3	BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that the 23-hour Crisis Relief Center Fund is approved with an initial project budget of \$1,000,000 as described in Exhibit A.		
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6 7	ADOPTED this day of,	20	
8 9		WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL	
10 11 12	ATTEST:	WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON	
13 14 15	Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council	Barry Buchanan, Council Chair	
16 17 18	WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE APPROVED AS TO FORM:	WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON	
19 20	Christopher Quinn (Jan 16, 2024)		
21 22	Civil Deputy Prosecutor	Satpal S. Sidhu, County Executive	
23		() Approved () Denied	
24 25		Date Signed:	
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