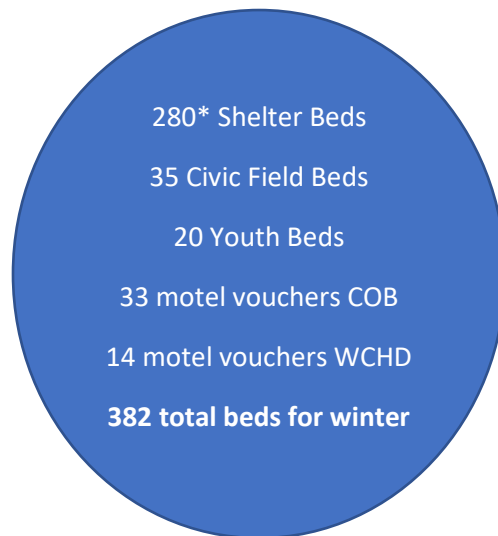


Shelter Bed Capacity in Whatcom County

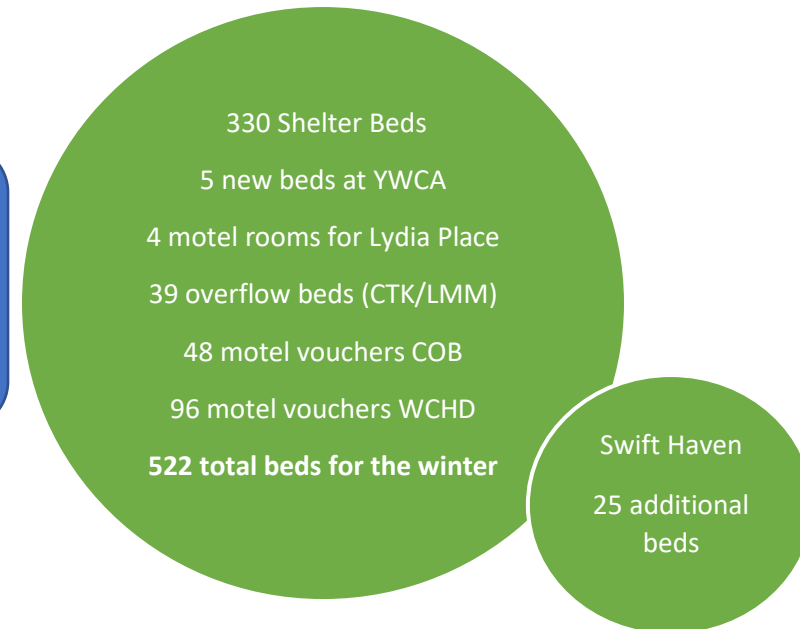
2019-2020 Winter Season



Actions taken to increase capacity

- Base Camp- 50 more beds added
- Year round funding dedicated to YWCA and Lydia Place
- City and County winter motel funds increased

2020-2021 Winter Season



This winter season, there are over 500 shelter beds operational, *of those beds 239 are low barrier beds that do not require enrolling in any programs.*

During the 2019-20 winter season severe weather shelters were activated for 9 nights total.

During that time **the highest capacity of shelter use of all available shelters was 212 people** on 01/13/20.

The City of Bellingham spent \$50,000 on motel stays for the 2019-20 winter season and has designated \$100,000 for the 2020-21 season. WCHD increased their winter motel stay totals from \$21,300 in 2019-20 to \$200,000 in 2020-21.

*The **280 beds** is a conservative estimate of the year-round emergency shelter beds provided by DVSAS, Interfaith Coalition, LMM, NWYS, Sun Community Services, and the YWCA. These beds are available regardless of the season.