



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: Northwest Youth Services – Housing Case Management Contract

DATE: June 11, 2021

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

▪ **Background and Purpose**

This contract provides funding to support housing case management and supportive services to youth through age 24, who are referred by the Whatcom Homeless Service Center. The goal of these services is to improve housing stability and reduce homelessness in Whatcom County.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$178,771 is provided by local document recording fees and the Washington State Department of Commerce Emergency Solutions COVID-19 Grant (CFDA 14.231). These funds are included in the 2021 budget. Council approval is required as funding exceeds \$40,000.

▪ **Differences Between Previous Contracts**

This is a new contract, awarded as a result of RFP 21-04; however, funding for these services has been provided through previous contracts between Whatcom County and Northwest Youth Services since 2011. This contract differs from the previous contract (WC Contract #201611017) in that it reduces the outcome measures for length of time receiving services before obtaining permanent housing and lowers the target for number of youths housed over the six-month period to better reflect difficulty in access to the current housing market. It also provides more funding for supervision and management of the housing programs.

Please contact Anne Deacon, Human Services Manager at 360-778-6054 (ADeacon@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.

