

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

MOTION NO. 24-444

APPROVAL TO ALLOCATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
FUNDING FOR EMERGENCY BRIDGE HOUSING AT
THE EVERETT NEW START CENTER

WHEREAS, RCW 82.14.530 authorizes counties to impose a sales tax for acquisition and construction of affordable housing, which may include emergency, transitional and supportive housing, and new units of affordable housing within an existing structure, or acquiring and constructing behavioral health-related facilities or land acquisition for these purpose or funding operations and maintenance cost of new units of affordable housing and facilities where housing related programs are provided, or newly constructed evaluation and treatment centers; and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Affordable Housing and Behavioral Health (AHBH) Fund has two revenue sources, a sales tax credit back to the County authorized by chapter 388, Laws of 2019 and codified at RCW 82.14.540, and a .01 sales tax authorized by chapter 222 Laws of 2020 and codified at RCW 82.14.530; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County Council passed Ordinance 21-098, imposing a one-tenth of one percent sales tax for affordable housing and behavioral health and adding a new chapter 4.126 to Snohomish County Code; and

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2023, by Amended Motion No. 23-492, the Snohomish County Council approved the 2023 Housing and Behavioral Health Capital Fund Investment Plan ("Investment Plan"); and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2024, a Request for Proposals for an operator and services provider for Emergency Bridge Housing for the Everett New Start Center was published with an application deadline of June 17, 2024, and three (3) applications were received; and

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2024, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met to review and evaluate applications and to make funding recommendations to the Policy Advisory Board (PAB); and

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2024, the PAB approved the TAC recommendations for The Salvation Army to be awarded and operate Emergency Bridge Housing at the Everett New Start facility for a five-year period contingent performance and approval of the County's biennial budget; and

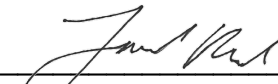
WHEREAS, final approval for the issuance of capital contracts shall be made by the Snohomish County Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, AHBH funding for Emergency Bridge Housing is allocated to:

- 1) Award the Salvation Army first year funding of \$1,457,948 and as adjusted for cost-of-living increases and to meet the required level of operations and services negotiated to be provided by the agency, and
- 2) Award funding for the balance of the same five-year period to be contracted annually contingent upon performance and as approved in the County's biennial budget, and
- 3) Approve the Human Services Department to issue the annual contracts and contract amendments contingent upon incorporation of County policies as established into the contracts and amendments.


PASSED this 27th day of November, 2024.

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Council Chair

ATTEST:



Deputy Clerk of the Council