

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

AMENDED MOTION NO. 25-583

APPROVE THE YWCA AFFORDABLE HOUSING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
OPERATIONS AND LICENSING CONTRACT FOR
THE EDMONDS 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, 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, the YWCA was selected as the Edmonds New Start Center Operator and awarded AHBH funding for the operation of the facility; and

WHEREAS, the operating and license agreement for the Edmonds New Start Center (the "Agreement") includes referral and eligibility minimum requirements to screen potential clients; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement also includes a minimum vacancy rate requirement of 5%; and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Council wishes to gather information about the effectiveness of Referral and Eligibility minimum requirements set forth in the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, final approval for the issuance of New Start Center services and operating and maintenance Agreement, and amendments exceeding \$50,000 shall be made by the Snohomish County Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, Snohomish County Council:

1. Approves and authorizes the County Executive to execute the YWCA Affordable Housing and Behavioral Health 1590 Operating and License Agreement for the Edmonds New Start Center, and

2. Requires that all extensions subject to this Agreement obtain County Council approval by motion, and
3. The Council requests an evaluation of the Referral and Eligibility Minimum Requirements of the Agreement and a presentation in a public meeting on any recommended changes to those requirements, vacancy rates and program implementation prior to the end of the initial term of the Agreement.


PASSED this 28th day of January, 2026.

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Council Chair

ATTEST:



Deputy Clerk of the Council