



Health and Community Services

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Council Initiated:

Yes

No

ECAF: 2025-0896

Motion: 25-153

Type:

- Contract
- Board Appt.
- Code Amendment
- Budget Action
- Other

Requested Handling:

- Normal
- Expedite – 3/26
- Urgent

Fund Source:

- General Fund
- Other
- N/A

Executive Rec:

- Approve
- Do Not Approve
- N/A

Approved as to

Form:

- Yes
- No
- N/A

Subject: Housing and Behavioral Health Funding for Emergency Bridge Housing at the Edmonds New Start Center

Scope: An annual award of \$3,055,584 of funding from Housing and Behavioral Health Capital Fund is proposed to provide services at the Edmonds New Start Center facility. The funds will be awarded to the YWCA Seattle | King County | Snohomish County. Cost-of-living increases may be added to the award total. The contract must be renewed annually and is anticipated to be in place for a five-year period. The revenue is drawn from the Affordable Housing and Behavioral Health Program Fund (known as HB 1590 funds) which is funded by sales tax dollars.

The motion states that final approval of “services and operating and maintenance contracts, and contract amendments exceeding \$50,000 shall be made by the Snohomish County Council.”

Duration: Funding will be contracted annually for a five-year period.

Fiscal Impact: Current Year Multi-Year N/A

Expenditures	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Fund 124 – Professional Services	\$3,055,584					\$3,055,584
Totals	\$3,055,584					\$3,055,584

Revenue	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Fund 124: AH&BH Sales Tax (HB 1590)	\$3,055,584					\$3,055,584
Totals	\$3,055,584					\$3,055,584

Authority Granted: Motion 25-153 allocates funding for Emergency Bridge Housing to:

- 1) Award the YWCA Seattle | King County | Snohomish County first year funding of \$3,055,584 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;
- 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;
- 3) Approve the Human Services Department to issue contract amendments up to \$50,000.

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Background: The Snohomish County Housing and Behavioral Health (HBH) Fund has two revenue sources, a sales tax credit back to the County codified at RCW 82.14.540¹, and a .01 sales tax codified at RCW 82.14.530².

On November 25, 2024, Council passed Amended Motion 24-417³ approving the 2024 Affordable Housing and Behavioral Health Capital Fund Investment Plan and authorizing the execution of necessary documents.

On February 28, 2025, the PAB approved the TAC recommendations for the TAC recommendations for the YWCA Seattle | King County | Snohomish County to be awarded and operate Emergency Bridge Housing at the Edmonds New Start facility for a five-year period contingent performance and approval of the County's biennial budget.

Requested Action: Move 25-153 to the GLS Agenda for Council consideration.

¹ [RCW 82.14.540: Affordable and supportive housing—Sales and use tax.](#)

² [RCW 82.14.530: Sales and use tax for housing and related services.](#)

³ [2024-2500 - Motion 24-417 AMENDED and APPROVED](#)