

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

MOTION NO. 25-153

APPROVAL TO ALLOCATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
FUNDING FOR EMERGENCY BRIDGE HOUSING AT
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, 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 November 25, 2025, by Amended Motion No. 24-417, the Snohomish County Council approved the 2024 Housing and Behavioral Health Capital Fund Investment Plan ("Investment Plan"); and

WHEREAS, October 14, 2024, a Request for Proposals for an operator and services provider for Emergency Bridge Housing for the Edmonds New Start Center was published with an application deadline of November 15, 2024, and two (2) applications were received; and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 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 February 28, 2025, the PAB approved 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; and

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

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

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

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Council Chair

ATTEST:

Deputy Clerk of the Council