



Project title: Snohomish County Shelter Partnership

City Council Agenda Item Cover Sheet

Council Bill # *interoffice use*

Agenda dates requested:

7/26/23

Briefing

Proposed action

Consent

Action 7/26/2023

Ordinance

Public hearing

Yes No

Budget amendment:

Yes No

PowerPoint presentation:

Yes No

Attachments:

Memo/ Shelter location, Snohomish County's Location Considerations document

Department(s) involved:

Community Development

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Administration

Council President

Project: Snohomish County Shelter Partnership for Establishment of New Congregate Shelter

Partner/Supplier: Snohomish County

Location:

Preceding action: n/a

Fund: To be established through a later budget amendment

Fiscal summary statement:

\$4,000,000 has been offered to the City of Everett from Snohomish County for the establishment of a new congregate shelter location.

Project summary statement:

In late April, Mayor Franklin received a memo from Snohomish County Executive Director Lacey Harper stating that the church they were pursuing for a new shelter location was no longer available and they wanted to give the City the \$4 million that they had set aside for a purchase.

This new location is needed to replace the shelter the County has been funding at UCC Church. For multiple years, the City has requested this shelter be re-located due to the negative impacts to the surrounding neighborhood and businesses, and the overall impact to our downtown core, and the allocation of resources for public safety and public health responses.

Although the City knows it is difficult to locate shelters, upon further discussion with the County and the Health and Human Services Council Committee, staff recommends acceptance of these funds to work to try and find a new suitable location.

This effort and these funds are entirely unrelated and will not be used in any way for the Waits Motel property.

Recommendation (exact action requested of Council):

Request council to APPROVE the acceptance of approximately \$4,000,000 from Snohomish County to be used for purchase of a new congregate shelter site.

MEMORANDUM

To: Cassie Franklin, Mayor, City of Everett

CC: Ken Klein, Executive Director, Snohomish County
Alessandra Durham, Chief of Staff, Snohomish County Executive
Mary Jane Brell Vujovic, Director, Snohomish County Human Services
Brenda Stonecipher, President, City of Everett Council
Jennifer Gregerson, Special Projects Manager, City of Everett

From: Lacey Harper, Executive Director, Snohomish County

Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Subject: **Partnering with the City of Everett**

As you know, Snohomish County and the City of Everett have a longstanding partnership to address the many issues caused by homelessness and the behavioral health crisis in the City. In addition to the expansive programs we fund that benefit the City, a few of the projects implemented over just the last year include:

- Increasing the number of Pallet shelters in Everett
- Increasing emergency housing capacity through the purchase of the Days Inn
- Increasing funding for helping professionals serving vulnerable residents
- Supporting expanded refuse management capacity and security services throughout the downtown area
- Conducting an extensive cleanup along Highway 99.

In addition, there are a number of proposed projects which we have offered to fund but are in various stages of implementation by the City. These include:

- Everett Public Toilets (\$250,000)
- Pallet Shelter Expansion (\$250,000)
- Security for Downtown Everett (\$187,500)
- Commerce Shelter Grant Funding (\$200,000) through Everett Gospel Mission
- Emergency Solutions Grants (\$315,000) through Everett Gospel Mission.

Finally, since the facility we were exploring, Hope Covenant Church, is no longer available as a potential shelter site, we have set aside \$4 million to be used by the City to purchase a new shelter to replace the UCC site. Since the City is best positioned to secure a shelter site within its jurisdiction, we believe this will both expedite shelter acquisition and is more in line with how we work with other cities and towns in Snohomish County.

In addition to offering the City this grant funding for the purchase of a new shelter, our intention is to extend the lease agreement at the UCC shelter for another six months or until a new facility is available. We believe turning

40 vulnerable people onto the streets of Everett is neither compassionate nor good for public safety. If you have concerns, please let us know.

We would be happy to brief you and your team on this plan and next steps.

Exhibit from Snohomish County

Snohomish County Congregate Shelter Checklist

5/4/23

#	Criterion	Y	N	If N, how will it be addressed?
Capacity				
1	At least 40 year-round beds			
2	At least 60 climate overnight shelter beds			
Location				
3	Access via pedestrian walkways			
4	Near transit			
5	Proximity to other health and human services			
6	Proximity to amenities including grocery stores			
Other Requirements				
7	Meets all ADA requirements			
8	Building deemed to be healthy and free of contaminants			
9	Layout and ability to maintain building(s) and property to support minimal impact to surrounding neighborhood			
10	Ability to create separation from neighboring businesses and/or residents through privacy fencing and/or other mitigation solutions			
11	Ability to create controlled, single point of entry into building for residents			
12	Ability to create private smoking area			
13	Ability to create outdoor space for residents that maintains privacy			
14	Ability to provide on-site or install hygiene amenities including showers, laundry facilities, bathrooms.			
15	Adequate storage space for shelter supplies			
16	Provide at least one private meeting room and space for staff offices			
17	Additional meeting and examination rooms for enhanced services			
18	Identify space that can be repurposed for isolation and quarantine as needed			
19	Food preparation and storage space			
20	Storage for residents' personal items			
Desirable Characteristics				
21	At least 60 climate day shelter capacity			
22	Full-service commercial kitchen			
23	Storage for AC units			
24	Pet kennels and runs			

Additional notes:

- We suggest that the City of Everett partner with the service provider (EGM) to conduct community engagement. During community engagement questions will come up on program operations that are best addressed by the service provider.
- EGM will continue to operate as the service provider until 12/31/23 at which point an ongoing service provider will be selected through a competitive RFP process.
- The County will issue the RFP(s) and will contract directly with the site operator and service coordination agency(ies).