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September 28, 2017

Yakima Neighborhood Health Services
Attn: Rhonda Hauff
PO Box 2605
Yakima, WA 98907

RE: Emergency Winter Weather Shelter

Dear Ms. Hauff:

We regret to inform you that your organization's project applications for **YNHS Extreme Winter Weather Shelters** was not selected to receive funding for the Emergency Winter Weather Shelter RFP for the November 2017 to March 2018 contract period.

Eight project applications were submitted requesting over \$513,000 combined and there were only \$200,000 in funds for projects. The scoring committee had difficult decisions to make with limited resources and chose the projects they believed would serve the most clients for the least cost.

When reviewing your organization's application, it was determined that your agencies cost per client served was significantly higher than a competing project application. In addition, in effort to reduce reliance on the churches, the scoring committee selected a project that provides a 24-hour low barrier shelter option in both Yakima and Sunnyside. The shelters described in the committee's recommended application will provide three meals per day, a hygiene facility with showers and laundry, and the ability for the clients to shelter their pets with them.

Although your organization was not selected for this particular funding, we hope you'll consider applying for future opportunities in which we may work together. The Homeless Planning and Policy Council will be discussing the selected awards at their next meeting in Sunnyside on October 10, 2017. The meeting will be held at: Yakima Neighborhood Health Services, 617 Scoon Rd, Sunnyside, WA 98944, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Sincerely,

Lauris C. Mattson,
Executive Director

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