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News Release

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Emergency Shelter Pilot Program Approved for Snoqualmie

Snoqualmie, WA – Friends of Youth recently applied to the City of Snoqualmie for a Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of an emergency shelter and short-term transitional housing facility for young adults. The facility will be in the current Friends of Youth Snoqualmie office location at 7972 Maple Ave SE in downtown Snoqualmie.

Friends of Youth was given a grant by the King County Council to fund an emergency shelter for young adults as a pilot program for 90 days. Funding is intended to give the organization an opportunity to provide shelter and assess the need for continued services at this location.

The Hearing Examiner approved the Conditional Use Permit application after reviewing the official file, visiting the site, and conducting a public hearing. This type of housing is allowed as a Conditional Use under the Snoqualmie Municipal Code.

The shelter will open on October 22. Friends of Youth expects to serve local homeless young adults who need a supportive, positive place to stay.

The facility will have capacity for up to six short-term residents. The program will operate on Sunday through Thursday nights between the hours of 8:30 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. and will provide a bed, dinner, laundry, shower and other services. Background checks will be performed immediately upon entrance to the facility, which will be staffed continuously with awake staff.

For additional information about Friends of Youth Homeless Youth Services, please contact Derek Wentorf at derekw@friendsofyouth.org or 425-869-6490.

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