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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 7, 2013
TO: Mayor Ken Neilson
FROM: Tami Fullerton
RE: Request for Funding to Maintain 24/7 Operation of Washington County Youth Crisis Center

Historically the funding to operate Washington County Youth Crisis Center (WCYCC) has come from the State Legislature. In 2012 the Legislature did not appropriate full funding to Receiving Centers (RC) and Youth Services (YS) operations for fiscal year 13 (FY 13). In June of 2012 emergency funding was secured from Washington City, St. George City, Washington County, Santa Clara City, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, and Division of Child and Family Services to keep WCYCC open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. As a reminder of the value and importance of the facility, WCYCC is a place where youth can be housed in emergency situations when their lives are potentially at risk, it is the back up for the other youth serving agencies in Washington County when there is no where else for a child to go. WCYCC provides emergency residential placement for adolescents ages 10 to 17 who are the victims of abuse or neglect, have run away from home or are ungovernable, have been picked up by police for something that is not holdable in Detention, or have violated a safety plan created in collaboration with law enforcement, Southwest Behavioral Health Center, parents and youth. Youth stay at WCYCC anywhere from a few hours to three weeks. The facility is the safety net for youth and families in crisis in Washington County.

In the 2013 Legislative session Senate Bill 218 was passed, it states "Funding for receiving centers and youth services programs under this part is intended to be broad based, be provided by an appropriation by the Legislature to the division, and include federal grant money, local government money, and private donations." The Legislature intends collaborative funding to be on-going. Therefore we are requesting funding from the City of Washington. The amount contributed last year was \$5,000.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have, and will look forward to hearing from you on the status of this request. My office number is 435-656-6133 and my cell is 435-256-5088. Thank you for your help and support!