



*Samish Indian Nation*

**To:** Samish Indian Nation Tribal Council

**From:** Sharon Paskewitz, Housing Director

**Subject: Requesting that Tribal Council approves the amendment of Resolution 2021-05-008**

The initial Resolution for this funding, directed the use of these dollars to support the construction of our 34<sup>th</sup> Street Project.

I am now requesting that the dollars be allocated toward purchasing a building for emergency shelter.

This year alone, we have had 50 Samish Citizens that experienced a housing crisis and needed temporary shelter. The lack of shelter, in some cases destroyed lives and with others, was a direct cause of homelessness. Purchasing a building for Emergency Shelter would move us into the direction of solving some of these issues. Shelter placement would be for citizens that are experiencing homelessness and families that have been displaced due to a disaster. The shelter would not be just for citizens that have treatment needs.

The goal is to ensure that our homeless, recently evicted and/or displaced citizens have a safe and stable place to live. Thereafter, they can work with our staff to develop goals and find treatment options, if needed, while our Landlord Engagement and Outreach Coordinator works with them to find housing.