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Ms. Sheila Tallmon, Executive Director
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RE: Snohomish County 2026 Senior Centers Funding

Dear Ms. Tallmon:

We are pleased to have been able to approve the appropriation of new resources and a new allocation model which provides additional resources for your center and the entire senior center network. Collectively and individually, you are providing critical services to a growing number of Snohomish County residents and your efforts improve the quality of life for all.

Starting January 1, 2026, Snohomish County is able to fund each member organization in the senior center network with an allocation of \$77,532 for the year. We anticipate that the funding stream supporting this increase will be able to provide the same level of support over the next five years.

Equally exciting, there will be some key changes to your contract with Snohomish County, allowing for increased flexibility and reduced reporting for your services. The contract will eliminate performance requirements related to complex levels of service. Additionally, you will be able to use your 1/10 of 1% Chemical Dependency and Mental Health Sales Tax funding to support a wide range of activities designed to address social isolation and enhance mental health.

For consistency in operations among senior centers, each center will be reviewed for current alignment with the [National Council on Aging](#) (NCOA), [National Institute of Senior Centers](#) (NISC) "Building Excellence" standards manual revised January 2023 and technical assistance will be provided as needed.

We want to thank you for your engagement and patience through this transition. Much work has occurred over the past year and the changes shared in this letter reflect how much your feedback is valued at all levels of Snohomish County government. And, thank you for your partnership and continued support of older adults in Snohomish County.

Sincerely,



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