

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

ORDINANCE NO. 21-070

RELATING TO THE 2021 BUDGET; MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN
GRANT CONTROL FUND 130 TO PROVIDE EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY FOR
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2020, the Washington State Department of Health confirmed the first reported case of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States in Snohomish County, Washington. COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person;

WHEREAS, since January 21, 2020, the disease has spread throughout the United States. On January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency for COVID-19, beginning January 27, 2020. On February 29, 2020, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee proclaimed a public health emergency for COVID-19. On March 4, 2020, the Snohomish County Health Officer proclaimed a countywide public health emergency for COVID-19. On March 4, 2020, Executive Dave Somers issued a "Local Proclamation of Emergency Snohomish County" for COVID-19 (the "Emergency"). On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared COVID-19 a National Emergency;

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2021, the United States Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARPA");

WHEREAS, Section 9901 of ARPA created a Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and a Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Treasury provided direct relief to units of local government through the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds ("CLFR"); and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County has received CLFR funds from the United States Department of Treasury;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. The County Council makes the following findings of fact: a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$56,610,388 is necessary in the Grant Control Fund 130 for budget year 2021 to provide expenditure authority for direct aid provided to Snohomish County from the United States Department of Treasury pursuant to Section 9901 of ARPA.

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