

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

MOTION NO. 24-276

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN SNOHOMISH COUNTY AND ZIPLY FIBER NORTHWEST, LLC

WHEREAS, Snohomish County has secured Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery (CLFR) grant funds under the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA); and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Council created the Office of Recovery & Resilience (ORR) through the budget to aid in the distribution of the ARPA funds, and ORR has designated \$8,200,000 for Broadband Access Programs; and

WHEREAS, a Memo regarding the funding for this project was presented to Council via ECAF 2023-0852; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County submitted five project applications to the Washington State Department of Commerce, Broadband Office (“WSBO”) with Ziplly Fiber Northwest, LLC to construct a Fiber to the Premise (FttP) network, that will replace an existing low-capacity copper network with fiber optics capable of delivering a minimum of symmetrical 1/1 Gigabit per second; and

WHEREAS, all five projects were determined to be eligible for funding by WSBO but did not receive funding. Of them, the Verlot project was selected because it will provide service to one or more Community Anchor Institutions; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the Snohomish County and Ziplly Fiber Northwest, LLC-Verlot Broadband Project (“Verlot Project”) is one million, eight hundred four thousand, two hundred eighty-six dollars (\$1,804,286) comprised of grant funding, matching funds from Ziplly infrastructure, and County IRU Fees; and

WHEREAS, the Verlot Project spans multiple years and will enable gigabit fiber connectivity to approximately 234 addresses; and


WHEREAS, Ziplly Fiber Northwest, LLC is providing matching funds of one hundred seventy-nine thousand nine hundred twenty-nine dollars (\$179,929) in matching funds provided by Ziplly Fiber Northwest, LLC; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County will provide IRU Fee funding of forty-six thousand, five hundred twenty-two dollars (\$46,522) for County-specific fiber endpoints and segments that are adjacent to but extend outside of scope the grant project;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the Snohomish County Council approves and authorizes the County Executive to execute the Agreement between Snohomish County and Ziplly Fiber Northwest, LLC for the Verlot Broadband Project.


DATED this 10th day of July, 2024.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
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Council Chair

ATTEST:



Deputy Clerk of the Council