



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Conservation, Sustainability, and Recreation

ECAF: 2022-0778

Motion: 22-339

Analyst: Nicole Gorle

Date: August 8, 2022

Consideration:

Motion 22-339 would approve a contract with the Washington State Department of Commerce for the Weatherization Program Plus Health (formerly the Matchmakers program).

Background:

The Weatherization Assistance Matchmakers Program was established in Chapter 70.164 RCW¹ and WAC 365-180², and recodified in 2020 in Chapter 70A.35 RCW.

This program provides funding to improve energy efficiency and the health and safety of homes owned or occupied by low-income individuals. This includes improvements to ceilings, walls, floors, duct installation, air sealing to close gaps in homes where heat can escape, and heating system modifications.³

The 2022 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Grant Work Plan (GWP) approved through Motion 21-364 anticipated this grant funding from the state for the program, however the amount anticipated and approved in the GWP is less than what the State is actually giving the County.

Approved in GWP: \$340,000.00

Actual: \$673,885.00

Difference: \$333,885.00

Current Proposal:

Scope: Authorize the Executive to execute Amendment B to the Weatherization Grant Agreement (originally approved in 2021). DCNR's Grant Work Plan included \$340,000 for this program, but the actual award amount is for \$673,885. Because the actual amount the County will receive is more than \$50,000.00 of what was anticipated in the 2022 GWP, Council's approval is required.⁴

Duration: Grant agreement expires June 30, 2023

Fiscal Implications: This would provide the County with an additional \$333,885 over what was included in the 2022 budget. There are no matching funds required for this grant.

2022 Budget: Yes

¹ [Low-Income Residential Weatherization Program - RCW 70.164](#)

² [Energy Matchmakers – WAC 365-180](#)

³ [Department of Commerce – Weatherization and Energy Efficiency - Matchmaker](#)

⁴ [Required Approval – SCC 4.26.025 – Grant Work Plan](#)

Future Budget Impact: No

Handling: Normal

Approved-as-to-form: n/a (state contract)

Risk Management: Yes

Executive Recommendation: Approve

Attachment: None

Amendments: None

Request: Move to GLS on August 24th for consideration.