



# Committee of the Whole

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## Council Initiated:

Yes

No

**ECAF:** 2023-0823

**Motion:** 23-477

### Type:

- Contract
- Board Appt.
- Code Amendment
- Budget Action
- Other

### Requested Handling:

- Normal
- Expedite
- Urgent

### Fund Source:

- General Fund
- Other
- N/A

### Executive Rec:

- Approve
- Do Not Approve
- N/A

### Approved as to

#### Form:

- Yes
- No
- N/A

**Subject:** Washington State Broadband Office – Infrastructure Acceleration Grant between Snohomish County and Washington State Department of Commerce; contract number 22-96810-011

**Scope:** The proposed grant agreement is with the Washington State Department of Commerce for American Rescue Recovery Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) for Snohomish County and Ziplly, to expand broadband services into rural areas of Snohomish County, specifically the State Route (SR) 530 Broadband Project. This is a proposed multi-year project with funding expiration set for 2025. The agreement would accept funding and proceed with related construction and use agreements for the SR 530 Broadband Project. This agreement is related to ECAF 2023-0825/Motion 23-490.

**Fiscal Impact:**  Current Year  Multi-Year  N/A

Federal Award Agency is the US Dept. of Treasury, Amount of Federal Funds Obligated by this action: \$16,713,615. (Local match (Zipty) \$9,009,854).

**Duration:** Start Date: July 1, 2021; End Date June 30, 2025, contingent on reappropriation, which has been verified.

**Authority Granted:** Approving and authorizing the Executive to execute the Infrastructure Acceleration Grant Agreement between Snohomish County and the Washington State Department of Commerce Broadband Office.

**Background:** Snohomish County submitted a joint application to the Washington State Department of Commerce, Broadband Office (WSBO) with Ziplly Fiber NW, LLC to construct a Fiber to the Premise (FttP) network along or near the SR 530 Corridor from the City of Arlington to the City of Darrington.

Snohomish County has received an Infrastructure Acceleration grant award from WSBO for American Rescue Recovery Plan Act state and local fiscal recovery funds (SLFRF) for the SR 530 Broadband Project, that spans multiple years and will enable gigabit fiber connectivity to approximately 4,510 addresses.

**Requested Action:** To consider the motion.