## SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

## MOTION NO. 23-512

## APPROVING AWARD OF BROADBAND DIGITAL EQUITY PROJECT

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

WHEREAS, the Executive Office of Snohomish County created the Office of Recovery & Resilience (ORR) to aid in the distribution of the ARPA funds; and

WHEREAS, the Sno-Isle Libraries is a strong community partner that works hard to bring education and equity to all the members of our community; and

WHEREAS, the public's ability to access everything from the grocery store to the doctor was greatly impacted by COVID-19 there by increasing the need for internet access; and

WHEREAS, by offering the Broadband Digital Equity lending library, the Sno-Isle library feels they can empower community members to access the internet, develop essential online skills, and gain a deeper understanding of many opportunities available online; and

WHEREAS, funding for the Sno-Isle Libraries – Broadband Digital Equity program for an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 is a Broadband program;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the Snohomish County Council approves and authorizes the Executive to sign the agreement between Snohomish County and Sno-Isle Libraries.

PASSED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

<u> Jared Mead</u> Council Chair

ATTEST:

Deputy Clerk of the Council