

Office of Recovery & Resilience Update

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Spend-Down & Progress

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Background

- In 2021, Snohomish County received nearly \$160 million of federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to be used for a variety of pandemic recovery and government services purposes.
- The Executive proposed and County Council appropriated the full amount through budget processes in 2022 and 2023 based on an extensive community engagement process led by the Office of Recovery & Resilience (ORR).
- In January, ORR worked with all departments and nonprofit partners to determine the current plans for obligation and spending ahead of the December 31, 2024, obligation deadline that has been set by the U.S. Treasury.
- The County has set an internal deadline of June 30, 2024, to have all projects obligated (*i.e.*, under contract). This deadline gives Executive and Council staff enough time to adjust before the obligation deadline.
- **Our goal is to ensure that all funding is spent here in Snohomish County on community priorities for recovery while ensuring that no funding is returned to the U.S. Treasury.**

Project Highlights

Child Care System Investments



Workforce Investments \$2.1m

- High School Youth Pathways to Early Childhood Education
- Early Childhood Education Tuition Assistance
- Early Childhood Educator Cohort support



Additional Child Care Slots \$8.5m

- Capital Facility Investments – 7 facilities
- Home Child Care Technical Assistance
- Small Business Assistance



Support for Children & Families \$12.5m

- ECEAP support – 67,000 classroom hours
- After-School Care – 195,000 days
- Mental Health Support Training for Caregivers
- Vouchers for families looking for jobs

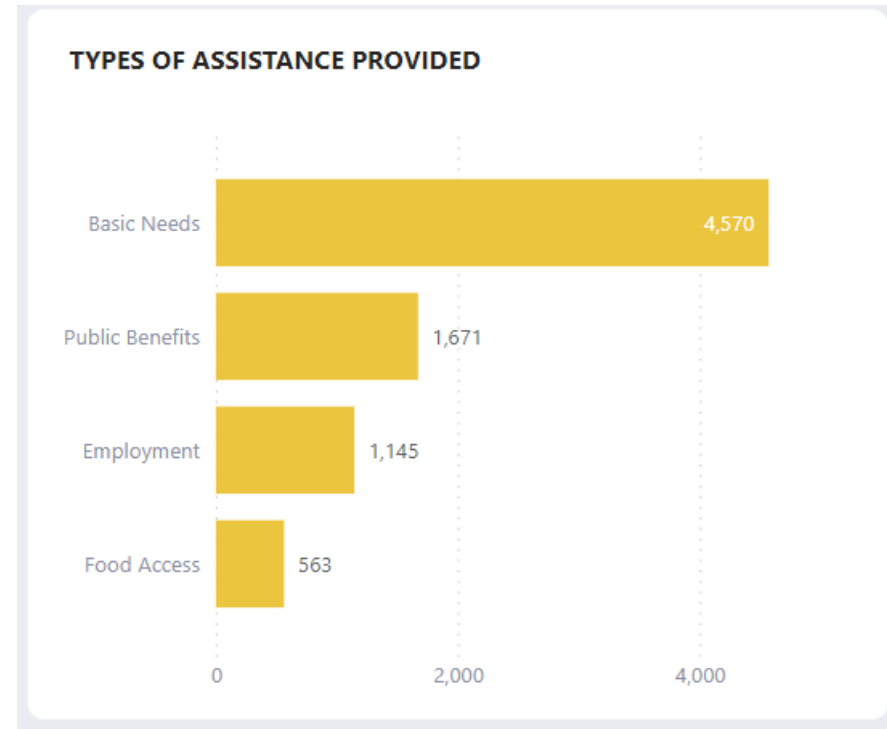
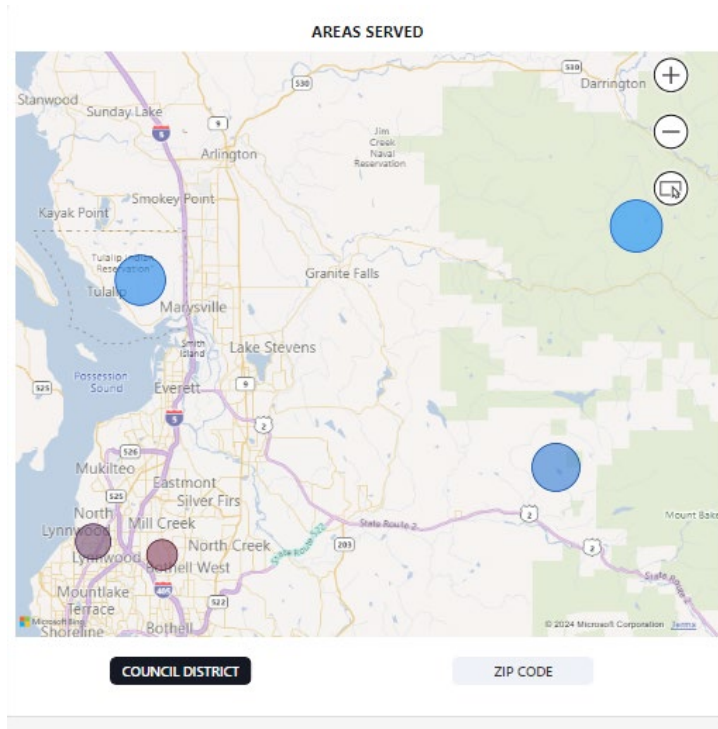
Refugee Resettlement

- \$1.8M in ARPA to support the County's refugee resettlement efforts, primarily for Afghan and Ukrainian community members.
- Significant partnership with State agencies.
- Strong partnership with Refugee & Immigrant Services NW and VOAWW.
- 5,058 total individuals served through ARPA-funded efforts, including 1,751 kids (<17).
 - 613 children enrolled in school



Youth & Family Resource Centers

- 4,956 individuals served across 13 Youth & Family Resource Centers.
- 75% of households served are at or below 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI) - \$41,000 for a family of 4.
- Investment: \$4.6 million



Workforce Programs

- Eight programs - \$4.7 million invested
- Middle and high school youth in career exploration including with County staff from SCHD & PW
- Training for in-demand jobs:
 - Data Analytics Boot Camp
 - Construction Apprenticeship Programs
 - Healthcare
 - STEM careers
 - Human Services Workers
- Employment readiness for those experiencing homelessness

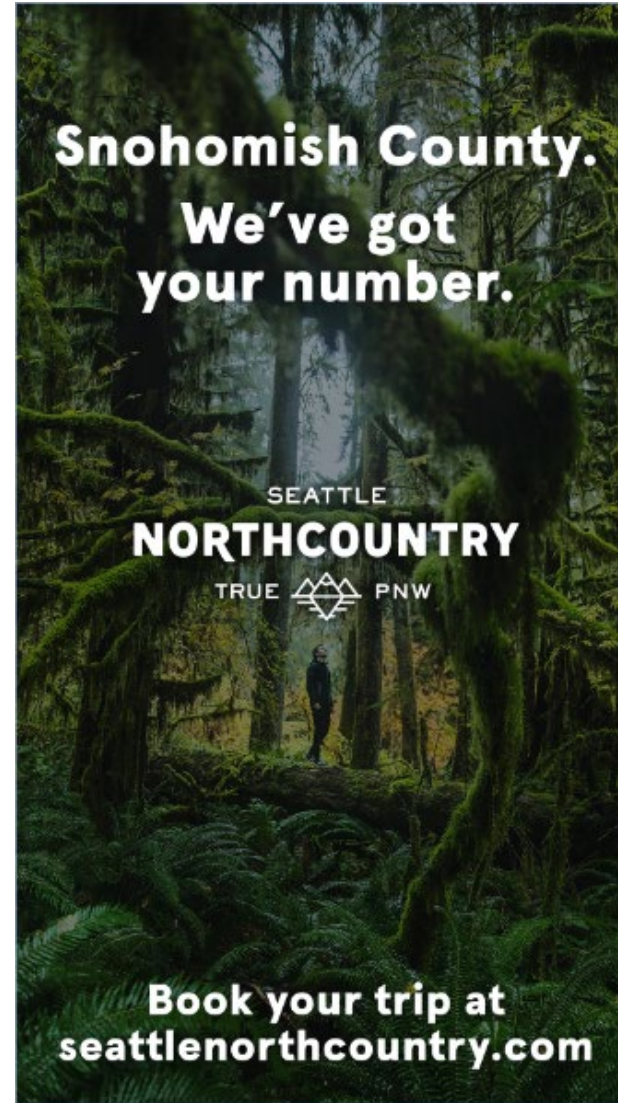
E.C.H.O. Tour - Exploring Careers and Healthcare Opportunities



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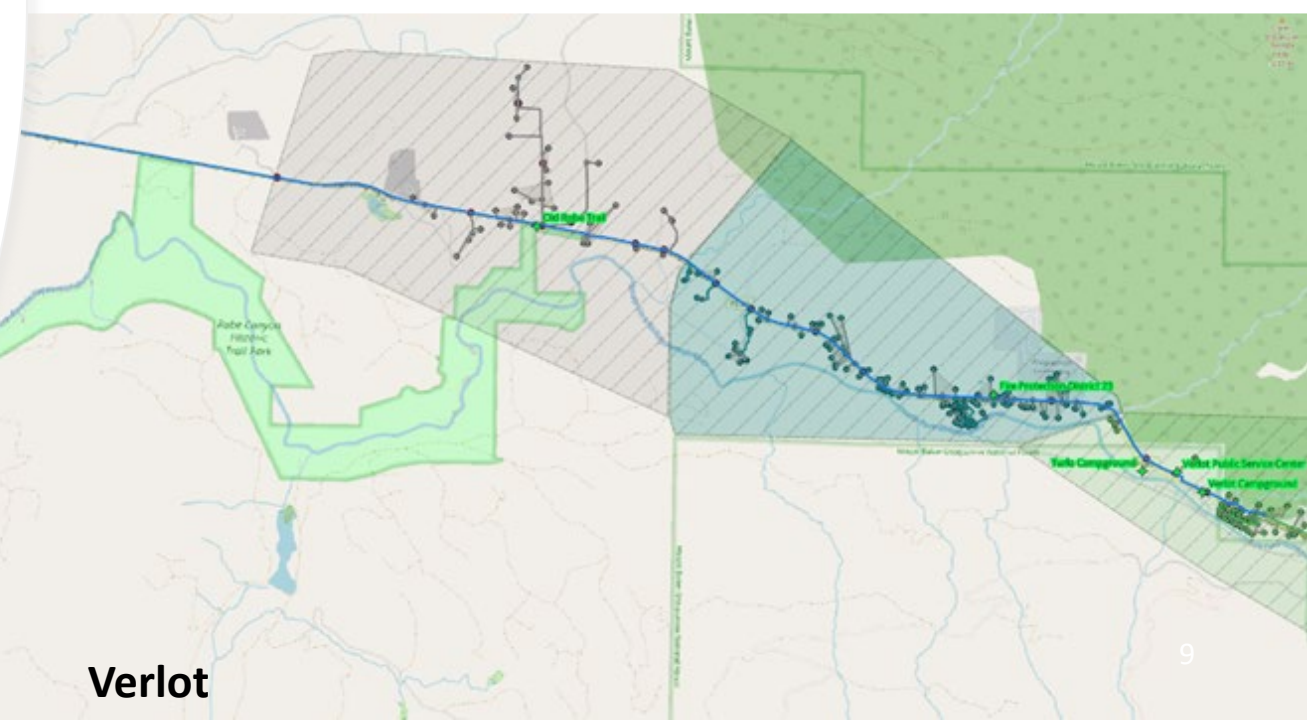
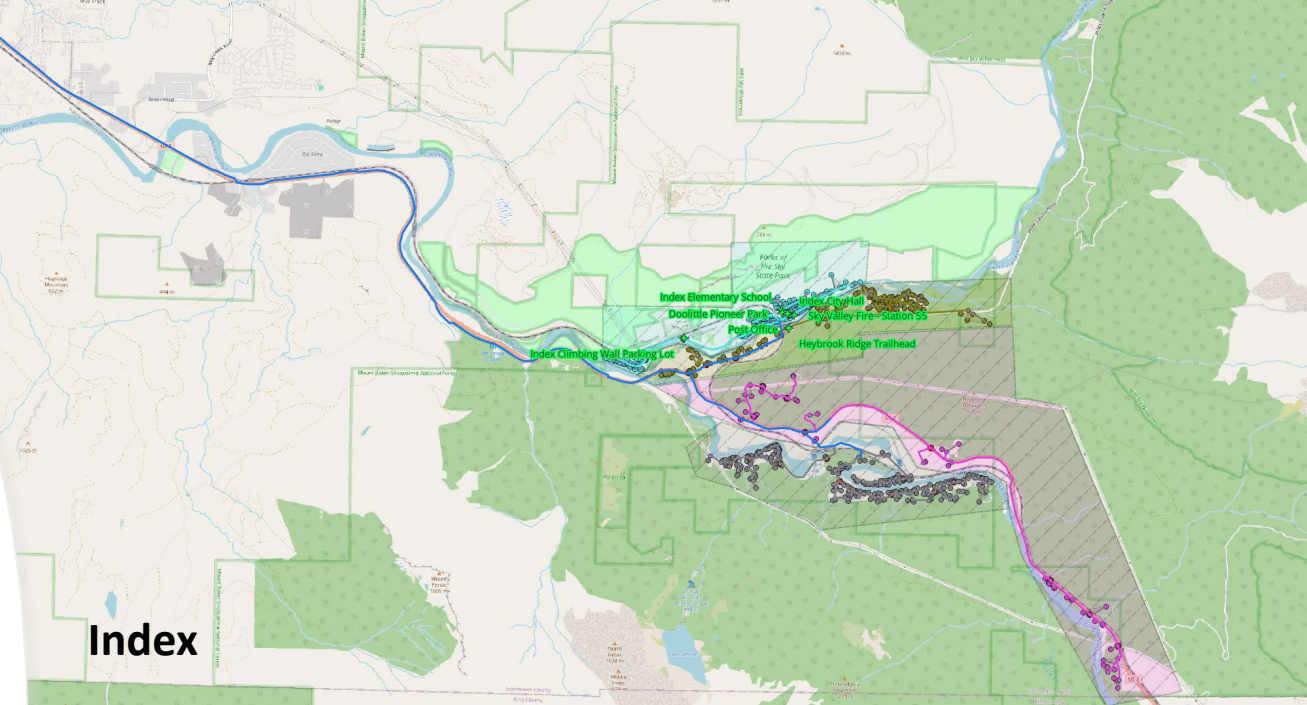
Tourism Marketing

- \$2.1 million ARPA investment yielded \$33M economic impact on Snohomish County.
 - \$11.1M for the food and beverage industry
 - Nearly \$5M for recreation
- Approx. 11,000 hotel stays created through this campaign.

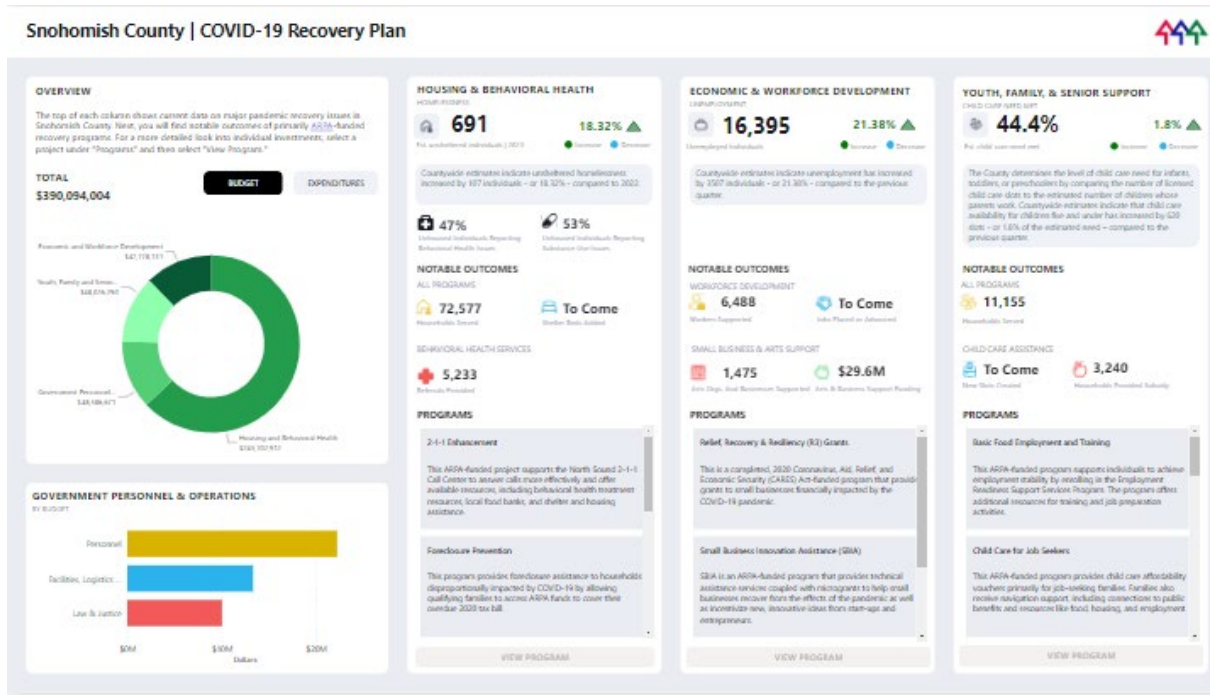


Broadband Access

- Fiber Broadband Expansion for Index and Verlot. Will bring fiber to 1,176 locations.
- Digital Equity project with Sno-Isle Library System
 - 300+ Laptops or Tablets
 - 400+ Hot Spots
 - Digital Navigator support
 - [Available for check-out now](#)



Recovery Dashboard



- Status of ARPA programs tracked and updated quarterly on the Recovery Dashboard:
<https://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/5601/COVID-19-Recovery-Dashboard>

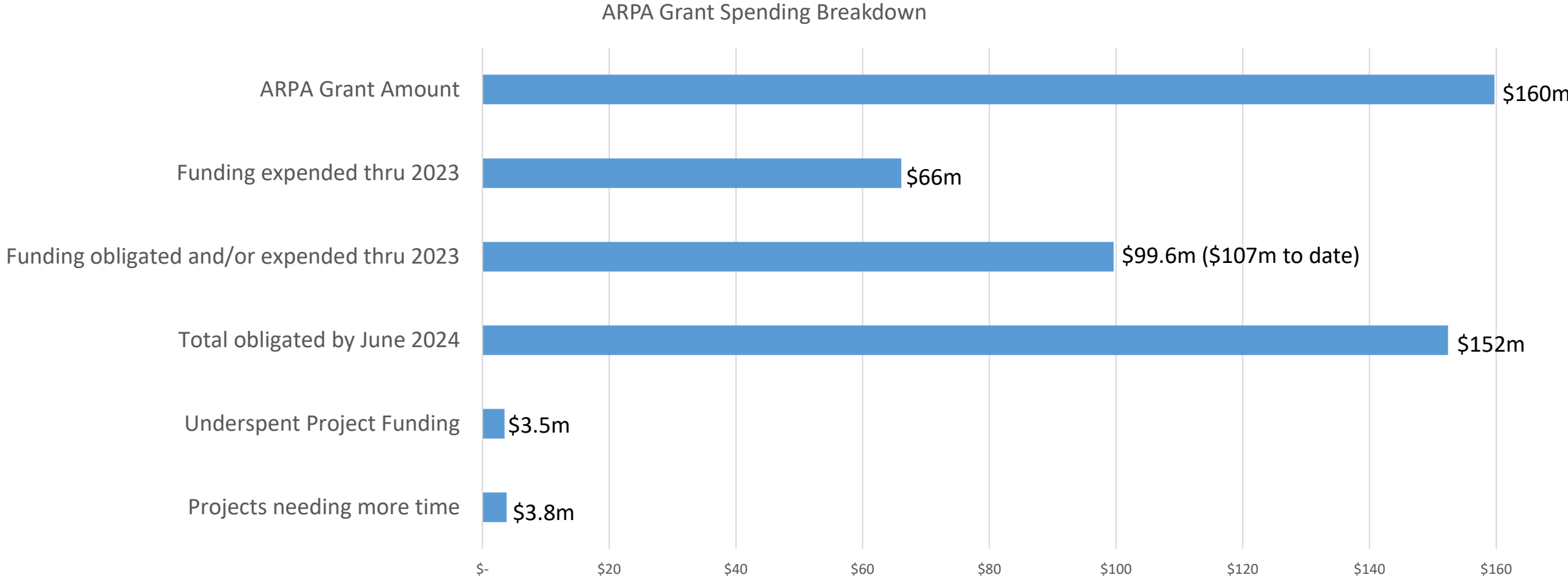
ARPA Closeout

Timeline



Spending Breakdown

95% of the ARPA funding is on track to be obligated by our internal deadline of June 30, 2024!



Projects Requiring Extended Timeline

- Three projects will likely need more time to ensure either planning, scoping, contracting, permitting, or construction can be completed.
- For each project, the likelihood of completion is great, but the limitations of the ARPA timeline will not benefit the project and/or could drive up costs.

ARPA-Enabled Project	Amount	Recommendation
City of Stanwood Dike	\$ 1,750,000	Continue ARPA-enabled project. Since project used Revenue Replacement funding, can swap 1:1 with any general fund expense.
Savvy Septic	\$ 400,000	Continue ARPA-enabled project. Snohomish County has identified \$7m of personnel-related general fund expenses from 2023 that can be applied to ARPA. Swap and re-appropriate in GF.
ERP System Upgrade	\$ 1,610,172	Continue ARPA-enabled project with any additional funding available. Since project used Revenue Replacement funding, can swap 1:1 with any general fund expense.

Underspent Project Funding

- A small amount funding is unable to be obligated by the deadline.
- Most projects came in under budget – which under typical budgeting circumstances is ideal – and the excess funds can now be redeployed.
- In other cases, ORR has worked with the departments to find projects that were ARPA-eligible, but nothing was able to come to fruition within the time and eligibility constraints of ARPA.

ARPA-Enabled Project	Amount	Recommendation
Child Care Programs	\$ 337,695	Significant need continues for child care. Recommend redeploying to ECEAP programs.
Law and Justice - Clerk	\$ 808,518	No clear project. Recommend redeploying funding through budget process.
Economic & Workforce Development	\$ 750,000	No clear project. Recommend redeploying funding through budget process.
Public Health and Resilience	\$ 576,081	Projects had budget savings. Recommend redeploying funding through budget process.
Government Services	\$ 1,060,000	Projects had significant budget savings. Recommend redeploying funding through budget process.



Conclusion & Next Steps



95% of projects are on-target. An incredible achievement for Snohomish County and our partners.



For the small number of remaining projects, extending timelines is the optimal choice for achieving our goals.



Underspent funding should be re-appropriated through the 2025-2026 budget process.



In June and July 2024, a further examination will be done to ensure that our internal obligation deadline has been met for all projects.



Any unobligated funds in September 2024 will be proposed to become general fund.



ORR recommends that no new contract or projects be started with ARPA funds due to significant timeline limitations, only expansions of already operating projects, if eligible.

Questions?