

Committee: Health and Community Services **Analyst:** Ryan Countryman

ECAF: 2023-0894

Proposal: Motion 23-326 Date: August 8, 2023

Consideration

Proposed Motion 23-326 would approve and authorize the County Executive to Execute the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Funding Agreement (B-23-UC-53-0003) with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Background and Analysis

The Snohomish County Human Services Department administers the local CDBG grant program from HUD as the representative member of the Snohomish County Urban County Consortium (Consortium). The CDBG grant program supports affordable housing, public facilities, infrastructure improvements, and services primarily for low- and moderate-income persons and neighborhoods. The County Council approved the 2023 Annual Action Plan for the Consortium by Motion 23-165. That plan includes the work and amount in the agreement for Motion 23-326. However, the amount of the contract with HUD (\$3,232,483) exceeds the amount approved in the Human Services 2023 Grant Work Plan (\$3,141,611 by Motion 22-417) by \$90,872. Therefore, the current contract requires Council approval under SCC 4.26.025(2).1

Of the contracted amount, Snohomish County would retain \$646,496 in Fund 124 for administration and allocate \$2,585,987 to partner agencies as subcontractors for the CDBG program. There would be no impact to county general revenue (Fund 002) resulting from the proposed action. The contract period runs from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024. Human Services plans to spend the funding from HUD equally between calendar years 2023 and 2024. In addition to approving the grant and authorizing the Executive to execute the agreement for it, Motion 23-326 authorizes the Executive to execute any amendments to the agreement.

<u>Current Proposal:</u> Motion 23-326 would approve the GDBG grant, authorize the Executive the execute the agreement, and authorize the Executive to make amendments.

Handling: Normal

Finance: Approve

Risk Management: Approve

Executive Recommendation: Approve

Request: Move to General Legislative Session on August 16 for consideration.

¹ The Snohomish County Charter grants the County Council authority over contracts and budgets (<u>Charter 2.20</u>) and requires action by Motion (<u>Charter 2.140</u>). <u>SCC 4.26.025</u> provides for Council authority on motions related to Grant Work Plan revisions.