## SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

## MOTION NO. 22-342

## APPROVING AWARD OF COUNCIL PROJECT FUNDS

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2022, the County Council adopted Ordinance 22-001 relating to the 2022 Budget making a supplemental appropriation in General Fund 002 to provide expenditure authority for unanticipated funds; and

WHEREAS, in Ordinance 22-001, the Council appropriated \$5,000,000 for "Council Projects;" and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic exposed weaknesses in systemic availability and access to resources and connections necessary to lead healthy, stable and independent lives; and

WHEREAS, to fill the gaps exposed by the pandemic, Volunteers of America (VOAWW) is creating a Neighborhood Center; this inclusive, multicultural, multigenerational facility will provide programming that will strive to solve the challenges surrounding social determinants of health faced by the local community; and

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Center will serve participants impacted by poverty and act as a one-stop community resource that will connect individuals and families to needed services and life-changing programs, address health disparities and build community support; and

WHEREAS, the monthly goal is to serve the following at a minimum: 400 Seniors, 120 Children, 400 Community Resource Center cases, 75 Dental appointments, 75 Medical Appointments, 150 Mental Health Appointments, 50 Job Training Participants, 150 Community Event Participants; and

WHEREAS, these programs will focus on five key priority areas to fill gaps in the social determinants of health including Economic Stability, Education Access and Quality for Children and Youth, Health Care Access and Quality, Neighborhood and Built Environment and Social and Cultural Connections; and

WHEREAS, funding for the VOA Neighborhood Center for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 is a Council Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the Snohomish County Council approves the agreement between Snohomish County and Volunteers of America Western Washington.

## PASSED this $16^{th}$ day of August, 2022.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

Council Chair

ATTEST:

Asst. Clerk of the Council