

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

ORDINANCE NO. 21-067

APPROVING THE PUGET SOUND TAXPAYER ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (PSTAA)
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AND 2021-2022 SERVICES AND EXPENDITURE PLAN
WITH WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY EVERETT

WHEREAS, the State of Washington's Legislature established the Puget Sound Taxpayers Accountability Act (PSTAA) account pursuant to RCW 43.79.520; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County is estimated to receive approximately \$79 million from PSTAA between 2019 and 2034; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 43.79.520, Snohomish County may use distributions from PSTAA only 1) to improve educational outcomes in early learning, K-12, and higher education, including, but not limited to, for facilities and programs for children and youth that are low-income, homeless, or in foster care, or other vulnerable populations and/or 2) to start endowments to provide support for improving educational outcomes in early learning, K-12, and higher education; and

WHEREAS, the County Council finds that there exist organizations and agencies involved in early childhood learning, public school districts, and institutions of higher education (Washington State University – Everett, WA State Community College District #23 DBA Edmonds College, and Everett Community College) that are within the boundaries of Sound Transit and have a core mission of improving educational outcomes, including as described by RCW 43.79.520; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County must track all expenditures and uses of the funds and, to the greatest extent practicable, the expenditures must follow the requirements of any transportation subarea equity element used by Sound Transit; and

WHEREAS, the County Council finds that the school districts and public institutions of higher education within the boundaries of the Sound Transit District are able to develop and implement plans that meet the intent of RCW 43.79.520 and to submit required reports to document all expenditures and uses of PSTAA funds; and

WHEREAS, the County Council set forth the method of allocation of Snohomish County's PSTAA funds in Motion 21-089; and

WHEREAS, Motion 21-089 directs Council staff to work with the Snohomish County Executive to develop interlocal agreements to allocate funding, as it becomes available, consistent with the intent of Motion 21-089;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. The Snohomish County Council approves the PSTAA Interlocal Agreement with Washington State University Everett (for the period September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2035) and its incorporated 2021-2022 Services and Expenditure Plan in the amount of \$88,000 and authorizes the County Executive to sign the Agreement;

Section 2. Annually thereafter, a Services and Expenditure Plan for the upcoming academic year and the performance report for the prior academic year shall be submitted to Council for approval via motion.

PASSED this 22nd day of September, 2021.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington



Council Vice-Chair

ATTEST:



Asst. Clerk of the Council

(X) APPROVED
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Date: 9/23/2021


Dave Somers, County Executive

ATTEST:



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney