



## Snohomish County Council

**Committee:** Public Works  
**ECAF:** 2022-0762  
**Proposal:** Ord. 22-032

**Analyst:** Deb Evison Bell

**Date:** August 11, 2022

### **Consideration:**

The proposed ordinance recreates the Snohomish County Public Works Assistance Fund, providing loans to local governments, and adding a new Chapter to Title 4 of the Snohomish County Code, pursuant to RCW 36.135 and County Charter 2.115.

### **Background:**

In April 2010 Snohomish County first created the Snohomish County Public Works Assistance Fund, through Ordinance [10-010](#), providing for loans to local governments, and adding a new chapter to Title 4 Snohomish County Code in accordance with RCW 36.135. The ordinance automatically repealed in April 2016 pursuant SCC 4.117.080 Sunset and County Charter 2.115.

In July 2016 Snohomish County recreated the assistance fund with Ordinance [16-055](#) following state and local codes. This ordinance will also sunset according to code on August 1, 2022. Because it was not re-enacted prior to the sunset date, a new ordinance is required to add the Public Works Assistance Fund back to code.

The Public Works Assistance Fund, through RCW 36.135.020, authorizes counties to deposit moneys from existing county revenue sources into local public works assistance funds, which deposits, and any interest earned thereon can only be used to make loans to the county and to other local governments for public works projects, and for administration of funds. A five-year report of the status and operations of the fund is included in the ECAF, including those projects that have been completed using this fund, those funds paid in-full, and those still making payments.

### **Current Proposal:**

*Scope:* The proposed ordinance would recreate Chapter 4.117, Snohomish County Public Works Assistance Fund, which includes: creation, purpose, definitions, source of resources, use of resources, loan eligibility and terms, loan applications and prioritization, administration of the fund and sunset, staff report.

*Duration:* The fund will sunset six years after the effective date unless re-enacted prior to that date as provided in County Charter.

*Fiscal Implications:* NA

**2022 Budget:** NA

**Future Budget Impacts:** NA

**Handling:** EXPEDITE

**Approved-as-to-form:** YES

**Risk Management:** APPROVE.

**Executive Recommendation:** APPROVE.

**Analysis**

Council has the legislative authority to adopt this ordinance recreating county code, per SCC 2.48.

**Attachments:** NONE.

**Amendments:** NONE.

**Request:** Move to GLS on August 17<sup>th</sup> for Council to set time and date for a public hearing on September 7, 2022.