



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Finance, Budget, and Administration

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Date: June 8, 2023

ECAF	Action
2023-0625	Motion 23-240
2023-0646	Ordinance 23-061

Consideration:

Approve an agreement and budget ordinance to distribute ARPA, Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds, to the Progressive Animal Welfare Society (PAWS).

Background:

The American Rescue Plan (ARPA) approved by congress included \$2 billion dollars to the Treasury that was to be provided to eligible revenue sharing counties and Tribal governments for use on any governmental purpose except lobbying during 2022 and 2023. The Consolidated Appropriations Act¹ made additional funding available under this provision for 2023 and 2024. According to the Treasury [website](#) "recipients have broad discretion on uses of funds, similar to how they may use funds generated from their own revenue sources." Snohomish County received \$1,010,078 of this new appropriation.

Current Proposal:

Scope:

[Motion 23-240](#) - Approve an agreement with PAWS under which the County will provide funding, on a monthly reimbursement basis, for allowable expenses. Eligible expenses are categorized as Wildlife Center Services which encompasses veterinary care, animal care supplies, animal food, pharmaceuticals, staffing, administrative costs directly related to the Wildlife Center, call-in wildlife information line and web-based wildlife services.

Service Category	Period	Rate	Total
2022 (Bolt Creek Fire and on)	9/10/22 – 12/31/22	\$856/animal	Up to \$221,704
2023	1/1/23 – 12/31/23	\$504/animal	Up to \$756,000
2024	1/1/24 – 12/31/24	\$564/animal	Up to \$930,952

The compensation section reflected in Exhibit C is drafted to put maximums on each category while allowing funds to move between those categories as long as they are within the maximum limit and do not exceed the contracts overall do not exceed amount. Under Section II. Fiscal Management, B. Audit and Recovery, subsection 3 the County may recover costs that the contractor has been paid if an audit deems that they were not an eligible expense. No indirect costs are permitted under the agreement.

¹ [SEC. 103](#). ALLOWING PAYMENTS TO ELIGIBLE REVENUE SHARING CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENTS FROM LOCAL ASSISTANCE AND TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUND.

The County will monitor PAWS work through goals and standards set in the agreement and requires quarterly reports in Exhibit A, Section X.

Ordinance 23-061 – Approve a supplemental appropriation for funds received from the Department of Treasury from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund. This would increase both revenue and expenditures in the Grant Control Fund, under Nondepartmental by \$1,010,080.

Duration: Execution through December 31, 2024 (may be extended up to two one-year terms)

- The County may terminate the agreement with PAWS upon 15 days written notice for any reason.

Fiscal Impact: Do not exceed - \$1,010,078

2023 Budget: Yes, funds were not included in the adopted budget but the motion is accompanied with an ordinance to amend the budget.

Future Budget Impact: Yes

Handling: Expedite (by request)

Approved-as-to-form: Yes (both)

Risk Management: Yes (both)

Executive Recommendation: Approve (both)

Attachment: n/a

Amendments: n/a

Request: Move both Motion 23-240 and Ordinance 23-061 to GLS June 14th to set time and date for a public hearing.