



# Committee of the Whole

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Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

**ECAF:** 2025-3295

**Motion:** 25-480

**Type:**

- ☒ Contract  
☐ Board Appt.  
☐ Code Amendment  
☐ Budget Action  
☐ Other

**Requested Handling:**

- ☐ Normal  
☒ Expedite  
☐ Urgent

**Fund Source:**

- ☐ General Fund  
☒ Other  
☐ N/A

**Executive Rec:**

- ☒ Approve  
☐ Do Not Approve  
☐ N/A

**Approved as to**

**Form:**

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ N/A

**Subject:** Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Darrington for Broadband Outreach.

**Scope:** Snohomish County and the Town of Darrington wish to enter into an Agreement to set forth the mutual obligations, responsibilities, and rights of the County and the Town as they relate to the Town's provision of Outreach services pertaining to the opportunity to obtain broadband connections prior to the completion of SR 530 and Verlot broadband construction.

**Duration:** Execution through September 30, 2026.

**Fiscal Impact:** ☐ Current Year ☒ Multi-Year ☐ N/A

The County has agreed to provide up to \$100,000 on a reimbursement basis for eligible expenses.

Expense	Not to Exceed
002.5123114101 (To be reimbursed by the Town of Darrington)	\$100,000
Plan	
Outreach Activities and Events for SR530 Corridor	\$75,000
Outreach Activities and Events for Verlot	\$25,000
Total	\$100,000

**Authority Granted:** Snohomish County Council approves the County's participation with the Town of Darrington in a Broadband Outreach Project to inform individuals and business owners about the opportunity to obtain connections prior to the completion of construction in the vicinity of SR 530 and Verlot and authorizes the Executive to sign the interlocal agreement with the Town of Darrington, under SCC 2.48.165(2).

**Background:** Ensuring access to broadband services for all communities throughout Snohomish County is an important public policy objective of the County. In July 2021, the Washington State Department of Commerce awarded a grant to Snohomish County for Broadband Expansion along SR 530. In July 2023, Snohomish County Council approved the Broadband Spending Plan ([Motion 23-309](#)) that allocated ARPA grant funding for Broadband Expansion. This expansion is vital to connecting individuals and businesses to educational opportunities, health care services, economic development, emergency preparedness, and other essential services.

Snohomish County and the Town of Darrington want to ensure that individuals and business owners know about the opportunity to obtain connections prior to the completion of the construction. The County has requested that the Town of Darrington conduct outreach to ensure that impacted individuals and businesses are able to connect to broadband services prior to completion of construction.

**Requested Action:** For Council to consider the motion.