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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 13, 2023
To: Jared Mead, Chair, Snohomish County Council
From:  Jackie Anderson, Manager, Housing & Community Services
Re: Final HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, ECAF#2023-0245

This memo is to transmit public comments received on the draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan during the public hearing and 15-day public review and comment period, to provide staff responses and recommendation regarding the comments, to explain changes from the draft plan, and to transmit the final plan.

Human Services Department staff have reviewed the comment and provided a response and recommendation for the comment for consideration, which is attached.

In summary, the comment requested:

Designating a portion of the HOME-ARP funds to purchase property in Lynnwood where the Hygiene Center is currently located and to renovate the property into a Day Service Center for the unhoused, after purchase.

The final HOME-ARP Allocation Plan includes the following changes from the draft plan:

Edits were made to the narratives to summarize comments received on the draft plan and responses, to add additional consultation and citizen participation narrative, to correct any grammatical or typographical errors, and to make minor language edits.

Attachments: Final HOME-ARP Public Comments
Final HOME-ARP Allocation Plan (one final copy and one redlined copy)

cc: Lacey Harper, Executive Director, with attachment (one redlined copy)
Mary Jane Brell Vujovic, Director, HSD, with attachment (one redlined copy)

HOME-ARP- Allocation Plan

Public Comments and Responses
HOME-ARP Allocation Plan
Public Hearing - February 23, 2023

15-Day Public Comment Period - February 22, 2023, through March 8, 2023

#1	Comment	HSD Response
	<p>My name is Karen Hibbert. I am here to ask the <u>Snohomish County Urban County Consortium</u> to consider designating a portion of the Federal funds under discussion today to purchase the property at 19724-64th Avenue West located in the City of Lynnwood to, initially, guarantee that it continues as a Hygiene Center serving unhoused people in the South County area, and to renovate it into a Day Service Center for the unhoused, after purchase.</p> <p>This is not a request that will directly build transitional or permanent housing for those who need it, but <u>it will provide for the immediate needs of those who are waiting for housing.</u> We all know that this wait is frequently in the range of months to years: So, the question to ask ourselves is: What can I say to the person who needs a meal, a place to clean up and get into dry clothing, and a safe place to be indoors, out of the elements, whether that's excessive heat, cold, precipitation or smoke in the air <u>TODAY?</u></p> <p>The Lynnwood Hygiene Center (LHC) was created through a partnership of the City of Lynnwood, Verdant Health Commission and The Jean Kim Foundation to meet the daily hygiene needs of our unhoused neighbors during the COVID pandemic. Many had come to depend on various community meal programs like Trinity Lutheran Church's weekly Neighbors in Need program, which all shut down during the</p>	<p>Snohomish County acknowledges that the Hygiene Center is an important part of the continuum of services in Snohomish County for families and individuals experiencing homelessness.</p> <p>The proposed project is not an eligible use of HOME-ARP funds.</p>

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	<p>pandemic. Even today, many of these former programs have still not come back to fully serve the ongoing needs of those experiencing homelessness. To fill this critical gap, the Lynnwood Hygiene Center operates 6 days a week from 10am-6pm and offers showers, restrooms, and a sense of community. In addition, daily meals, snacks, and clothing are supplied by local charitable groups. There is a small outdoor area where people can sit, rest, and socialize while the center is open. The Lynnwood Hygiene Center is located 2 blocks off Highway 99 and a ½ block south of 196th St. SW (the main east-west thoroughfare through the City of Lynnwood) making it easily accessible by public transportation. The Lynnwood Hygiene Center has comfortably co-existed with its neighbors in this location for at least 3 years and is working to continue this critical social service for the area's unhoused.</p> <p>The property on which the Lynnwood Hygiene Center sits is owned by a private citizen who has repeatedly indicated an intention to sell the property, at which time the hygiene center will need to vacate the building, which is a former WA State Auto Emissions Testing Center. By using HOME-American Rescue Plan funds to purchase this property, we would be 1) protecting the Hygiene Center from being disbanded (2) making it possible to create a Day Service Center that would offer the current services (restrooms, showers & food) with the addition of year round daytime shelter from the elements, meals/food, and contact with various health & social service agencies that can help individuals access needed services including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical connection to enrollment in the Coordinated Entry into Housing System and access to regular follow-up with Housing Navigators; 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical, dental, and behavioral healthcare (including mental health and substance use treatment); • Enrollment in appropriate DSHS programs (i.e., Basic Food/Food Stamps, Employment/Training, Cash Assistance, Disability services); • Free cell phones and digital devices through the FTC program <p>(3) eventual development of Non-Congregate Shelter units (temporary shelter) and the site of a reliable emergency overnight congregate shelter. I note that “Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter is listed as the second highest ranked item for use of the HOME-American Rescue Plan funds in the Snohomish County 2022 community consultation survey.</p> <p>Who I am:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident of Lynnwood from 1983-2000, resident of Edmonds from 2000 to present. • Internal Medicine physician who worked in the City of Lynnwood from 1999-2019, now retired. • Volunteer at the South Snohomish County Emergency Cold Weather shelter since 2009 and member of the working Board of the shelter, in the role of Medical Advisor, since 2018. <p>Interested parties/stakeholders involved with the Lynnwood Hygiene Center and/or interested in developing a year-round Day Center/Hygiene Center in So. Snohomish County</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Lynnwood • Verdant Health Commission • Jean Kim Foundation 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers of America • Trinity Lutheran Church & Schools/Neighbors in Need • S. Snohomish County Emergency Cold Weather Shelter <p>Other Notes: The HOME-ARP survey results in ranked order include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Production & preservation of affordable rental housing, 2. Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter(s), 3. Supportive services, and 4. Short or medium-term tenant rental assistance. 	
#2	<p>Sandra Mears, Executive Director of Jean Kim Foundation:</p> <p>I'd stress that the hygiene center is not just a hygiene center although we provided 9,150 showers in 2022, with 600 unduplicated guests. Keep in mind that we have two showers and allow 20 minutes for a shower/dress/undress. We are a hub and encourage providers to partner with us. For example, Mercy Watch is on site every Tuesday providing referral and medical care (wound care), We serve 50 or more individuals a meal six days a week. Essential items to include clothing items are also distributed. LEAD Case Managers are on site meeting with residents.</p>	<p>The County thanks Sandra for the comment. Please see response above.</p>