SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

MOTION NO. 23-508

APPROVING AWARD OF COUNCIL PROJECT FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Council appropriated \$5,000,000 for "Council Projects" in the 2023 adopted budget; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic exposed weaknesses in systemic availability and access to resources and connections necessary to lead healthy, stable and independent lives; and

WHEREAS, the Scholar Fund is the fiscal sponsor for Participatory Justice and will guide and mentor Participatory Justice as they continue to serve participants impacted by oppression and injustice to provide life-changing programs, address justice disparities and build community support; and

WHEREAS, to fill the gaps exposed by the pandemic, Participatory Justice is creating the Restorative Justice project to engage communities who are directly impacted by social justice harms to understand what the community needs for better justice outcomes and what infrastructure is required to support this; and

WHEREAS, funding for the Scholar Fund for an amount not to exceed \$100,000 is a Council Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the Snohomish County Council approves and authorizes the Executive to sign the agreement between Snohomish County and Scholar Fund.

PASSED this 29th day of November, 2023.

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<u>Jared Mead</u> Council Chair

ATTEST:

Deputy Clerk of the Council