



Snohomish County Council

Committee: LJHS
ECAF: 23-0245
Proposal: Mot. 23-111

Analyst: Heidi Beazizo
Date: March 9, 2023

Consideration

The Executive's Office requests Council consider approving proposed Motion 23-111, approving an amendment to Snohomish County's 2021 Annual Action plan for HUD Housing and Community Development Programs.

Background

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development requires Snohomish County adopt the Snohomish County Urban County Consortium's annual action plan (Plan) to receive federal grant funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs.

The grant funds are used for affordable housing, facilities providing community services, infrastructure projects, homeless programs, and economic development activities. The funds must primarily benefit low income individuals. Snohomish County is the lead agency for the Consortium.

The annual actions plan must be consistent with the adopted 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan approved via Motion 20-234¹, are subject to review and recommendation from the Consortium's Policy Advisory Board and must be published for public comment.

The CDBG, HOME, and ESG grants are included in the 2023 Grant Work Plan for the Human Services Department, approved via Motion 22-417²; Snohomish County received \$7,295,083 from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) for the HOME Investment Partnership Program.

Human Services was already approved to access 5% of the grant for eligible program administration and planning activities; the agreement approving the receipt of those funds was signed by the County Executive on October 7, 2021. The remainder of the grant funds are available after HUD reviews and accepts the HOME-ARP allocation Plan.

Current Proposal

Scope: Motion 23-111 provides authority to approve a substantial amendment to the 2021 Annual Action Plan allocating the remaining HOME-ARP funds. The Snohomish County Consortium proposes to allocate \$6,200,821 for enhanced services³ at non-congregate or other shelters (bridge housing) and \$1,094,262 for planning and administrative costs.

The comment period for the proposed **substantial amendment** to the 2021 Plan closed on March 8, 2023. Comments, if any, will be replied to, included in a memorandum and provided to council prior to council consideration of plan approval.

Duration: September 9, 2021 through September 30, 2030

¹ [General Legislative Session \(granicus.com\)](https://www.granicus.com)

² [Snohomish County Council - File #: 2022-0957 \(legistar.com\)](https://www.legistar.com)

³ Enhanced Services may include more intense services, services of longer duration, and specialized services (e.g., mental health and substance use disorder and supportive employment).

Fiscal Implications: \$7,295,083

2023 Budget: YES

Future Budget Impacts: YES

Handling: EXPEDITE. The 2021 Annual Action Plan is due to HUD by March 31, 2023

Approved-as-to-form: N/A. (FYI Provided)

Risk Management: N/A. (FYI Provided)

Executive Recommendation: APPROVE.

Analysis: This action is consistent with the requirements of Charter Section 2.140.

Request: Move to GLS on March 22nd for council to consider taking action.