



OFFICE OF RECOVERY & RESILIENCE

Snohomish County Community Recovery Priorities

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Today's Topics

- Results of Recovery Engagement
- ARPA Investments To-Date (Tranche 1)
- Calendar of Next Steps

Recovery Engagement Goals

1. Ensure residents and businesses are central to the County's recovery effort, and ensure recovery investments and programs are responsive to community needs;
2. Ensure every part of the county – across all regions and towns – receives attention and engagement;
3. Amplify and drive attention to existing County initiatives through resource fairs; and
4. Raise awareness about the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to ensure communities know more funding and recovery programs are coming.

Recovery Engagement Structure

1. Facilitated recovery discussions with eight groups
 1. Human Services Executives Board
 2. Community Services Advisory Council
 3. Monthly Human Services Providers Group
 4. Economic Recovery Advisory Group
 5. Arts & Culture Partners (x2)
 6. Members of Housing Consortium Board
 7. BIPOC & Immigrant and Refugee Leaders
 8. Faith Leaders
2. Meeting with mayors across Snohomish County
 1. Seventeen meetings across all five County Council districts
3. One in-person recovery event in each County Council district

Recovery Roadshows

- **Five** roadshows in total
- **373** total attendees (not included elected officials, county staff, or community partners)
- **25** county agencies and community-based organizations participated in resource tables
- Kids activities, free dinner and dessert, and Spanish-language interpretation and translation on-site
- Three parts:
 - Resource tables where attendees connected directly with county and community-based services and resources.
 - Voting session where attendees voted for their top three recovery investment priorities.
 - A deep-dive recovery discussion on the top-voted issues. Residents provided feedback on how they have been impacted by the pandemic and worked alongside county staff to start to develop solutions and programs.



Recovery Roadshows- Key Themes by District

District	Top Voted Issue
District 1 (Arlington, Darrington, Granite Falls, Marysville, Stanwood)	Behavioral & Mental Health Significant focus on youth, and a desire to see high-quality mental health services brought into middle and high schools.
District 2 (Everett & Mukilteo)	Behavioral & Mental Health Need to significantly increase services, particularly for those with co-occurring issues, including substance use.
District 3 (Edmonds, Lynnwood, & Woodway)	Behavioral & Mental Health Emphasis on bringing mental health services into the schools.
District 4 (Bothell, Brier, Mill Creek, & Mountlake Terrace)	Affordable Housing Change zoning to allow more housing and lift height limits to increase density.
District 5 (Gold Bar, Index, Lake Stevens, Monroe, Snohomish, and Sultan)	Behavioral & Mental Health Significant focus on youth, and a desire to bring mental health services into schools.

Other Key Issues

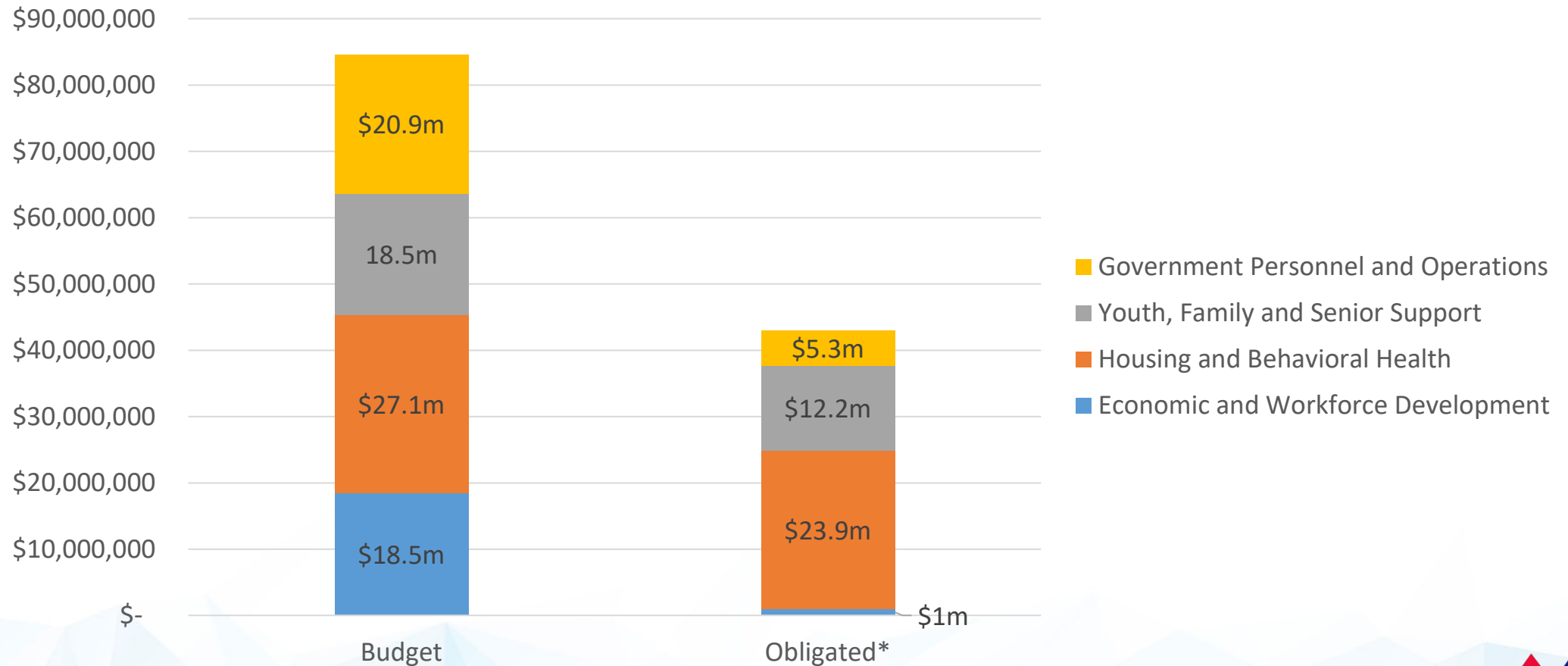
- Shelter Availability
- Economic Opportunity & Jobs
- Health Care
- Child Care and Early Education



Community Pandemic Recovery Priorities

- Across all three elements of our outreach, the following emerged as the core pandemic recovery priorities:
 - **Behavioral & Mental Health Services:** The top-voted issue in four of five roadshows. A clear and consistent desire to bring high-quality services into schools and make all services more accessible.
 - **Affordable Housing & More Units:** We need more units of all types across the county and at all income levels. Also, a growing desire for increasing density, particularly in more urban and growing communities.
 - **Child Care:** Child care is losing its workforce, available slots are decreasing and becoming more expensive.
 - **Workforce Development:** Nearly every sector is struggling to hire, with acute impacts on child care and social services.
 - **Focus on Youth:** A focus population that runs through the above four issues. Impactful investments are needed to address the learning and social time lost.

Tranche One ARPA Funding by Issue Area



*Obligated – Amount that is contracted and expended through July 2022. Does not include contracts in process or internal project commitments.



Project Spotlight: Everett & Edmonds Hotel Purchases

- Convert Days Inn facility in Everett and America's Best Motel in Edmonds to time-limited, bridge housing
- Housing will be coupled with wraparound services including food, hygiene, employment services, legal services, and mental health & substance use disorder services
- Provides 129 new units of bridge housing for unsheltered residents
 - Everett – 74
 - Edmonds – 55



Project Spotlight: Shelter & Behavioral Health Partnership Program

- Investment of \$9.6 million in shelter and behavioral health projects
- In partnership with nine cities across 11 projects, investments will result in:
 - Shelter units to house an estimated 36 unhoused individuals
 - Rent and rapid rehousing assistance for at least 130 individuals and families
 - Increased behavioral health services, including social workers embedded in emergency response, criminal legal system navigational support, case management for unhoused residents, and mental health & wraparound supports for students



Project Spotlight: Increasing Broadband Access

- Snohomish County is launching a comprehensive study to identify gaps in high-quality broadband access across the county.
- Gaps in service, affordability barriers, and current broadband infrastructure will be analyzed and addressed through customized recommendations that meet the unique needs of Snohomish County.
- Snohomish County has released a Request For Proposals (RFP) to identify a partner entity to conduct the study.



Project Spotlight: Child Care

- Snohomish County is investing \$2.35 million into existing ECEAP agencies to sustain and/or enhance equitable access to high quality child care.
- Investment of \$2.9 million in behavioral health services for child care staff and enrolled children and their families to mitigate the documented increase of mental health issues due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Impact

- 1,379 families provided a subsidy for child care
- 2,030 school aged children who attend child care using a subsidy



Project Spotlight: Support for Basic Needs

Food | Snohomish County is investing \$4 million in addressing food security through Nourishing Neighborhoods and the food bank coalition.

Rapid Rehousing | \$1.3 million is invested across multiple agencies to support tenant households who may be facing eviction and households at risk of homelessness to assist with navigation and relocation assistance.

Youth and Family Network Support | \$1.8 million to support connections to community resources, public benefits navigation, access to employment services, and direct financial assistance to support an equitable recovery.



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Project Spotlight: Support for Basic Needs

Impact

- ❑ 8,095,670 pounds of food distributed
- ❑ 1,531 food boxes delivered
- ❑ 1,337 referrals to wrap around services
- ❑ Over 600 households provided with financial assistance to meet basic needs and sustain employment and pursue career pathways
- ❑ 33 individuals placed in short term housing
- ❑ 39 individuals connected to permanent or long-term housing

Next Steps & Timeline

