SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

MOTION NO. 23-527

APPROVING AWARD OF WORKFORCE PROJECT FUNDS TO EASC

WHEREAS, Snohomish County has secured Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery (CLFR) grant funds under the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA); and

WHEREAS, the Executive Office of Snohomish County created the Office of Recovery & Resilience (ORR) to aid in the distribution of the ARPA funds; and

WHEREAS, Economic Alliance Snohomish County (EASC)/Snohomish STEM has created a consortium of education and career connected learning organizations that have been partnering together since 2017 to support multifaceted efforts to prepare students for high-wage, high-demand careers by connecting local businesses with education for career connected leaning; and

WHEREAS, career exploration programming was greatly impacted by COVID-19 restrictions and barriers, as well as reduced organizational capacity; and

WHEREAS, by offering expanded career exploration, counseling, mentorship, internships, and other work-based learning opportunities, EASC feels they can empower more students to explore their interests, develop essential skills, and gain a deeper understanding of different career pathways available in Snohomish County; and

WHEREAS, funding for the EASC - Expanding Career Connected Learning for an amount not toexceed \$1,522,082 is a Workforce Project;

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

PASSED this 5th day of December, 2023.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

Gouncil Chair

ATTEST:

Deputy Clerk of the Council