



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Health and Community Services

Analyst: Ryan Countryman

ECAF: 2023-0475

Proposal: Motion 23-182

Date: May 9, 2023

Consideration

Proposed Motion 23-182 would approve and authorize the County Executive to sign the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Contract 23-32606-081 Amendment A with the Washington State Department of Commerce.

Background and Analysis

LIHEAP funds support the County's energy assistance program that helps pay a portion of a low-income household's heating bill. The United States Department of Health and Human Services funds the LIHEAP through the Washington State Department of Commerce. Snohomish County's contract with Commerce assists approximately 4,200 low-income households. The original LIHEAP contract was in the amount of \$3,481,257 for the period October 1st, 2022, through September 30, 2025. Amendment A will add \$567,823. This brings the total amended contract amount to \$4,049,080. The contract amendment period covers April 1, 2023, to September 30, 2025. Amendment A requires Council approval per [SCC 2.10.010\(28\)](#) because it increases the contract total beyond the amount included in the Human Services Grant Work Plan. There is no anticipated fiscal impact on the 2023 budget. Projections indicate no need for the funding in 2023. Human Services anticipates using the grant in 2024 and 2025.

Current Proposal

Summary: Motion 23-182 would authorize the Executive contract for Amendment A to the LIHEAP contract with Commerce.

Fiscal Implications: Receipt of \$567,823 in unanticipated grants in 2023; expenditure in 2024 and 2025.

Deadline: May 31, 2023

Handling: Marked as Expedite

Finance: Approve

Executive Recommendation: Approve

Request: Move to General Legislative Session on May 17 for consideration