



Committee of the Whole

Cynthia Foley

Council Initiated:

Yes

No

ECAF: 2025-0396

Motion: 25-066

Type:

- Contract
- Board Appt.
- Code Amendment
- Budget Action
- Other

Requested Handling:

- Normal
- Expedite
- Urgent

Fund Source:

- General Fund
- Other
- N/A

Executive Rec:

- Approve
- Do Not Approve
- N/A

Approved as to

Form:

- Yes
- No
- N/A– Form Agreement

Subject: 2024-2025 Puget Sound Energy (PSE) Low Income Program (LIP) and Bill Discount Rate Agency Agreement

Scope: The Snohomish County Department of Human Services is annually awarded a service fee to administer the Puget Sound Energy Low Income Program (which provides discounts on gas heating bills). The amount awarded for operations for the 2024-2025 program year is \$344,732. These funds may be used for administration, education, and support services.

PSE will allocate \$1,154,102 to provide heating bill discounts for low-income customers in Snohomish County during the program year. Snohomish County reports to PSE the amount of a client’s benefit based on income, household size, and energy usage. Credits are discounted directly from client bills by PSE, so these funds remain with the utility. Energy bill credits are allocated monthly over the course of the year to provide affordable payments year-round.

This contract, in the amount of \$344,732, exceeds the amount in the 2024 Grant Work Plan by more than \$50,000 and requires Council approval.

Duration: October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025

Fiscal Impact: Current Year Multi-Year N/A

Expenditures	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
Fund 124	\$29,302	\$87,902				\$117,209
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Fund 124	\$19,822	\$59,466				\$78,288
Totals	\$86,183	\$258,549	0	0	0	\$344,732

Revenue	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
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Authority Granted: Motion 25-066 authorizes the Snohomish County Executive to sign the 2024-2025 Puget Sound Energy Low Income Program Agency Agreement and any additional amendments thereto.

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Background: The Puget Sound Energy Low Income Program (LIP) and Bill Discount Rate is funded by Puget Sound Energy. The PSE LIP only funds PSE gas heat customers and is similar to the LIHEAP Energy Assistance Program.

On May 15, 2024, the County Council approved Motion 24-226¹, approving Amendment 1 to the 2023-2024 Puget Sound Energy (PSE) Low Income Program (LIP) and Bill Discount Rate Agency Agreement and ratifying the underlying agreement.

Requested Action: Consider taking action on Motion 25-066.

¹ [2024-1034 - Motion 24-226](#)