



Snohomish County Council

Committee: LJHS
ECAF: 22--515
Proposal: Mot. 22-214

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Date: **May 18, 2022**

Consideration

The Executive’s Office requests Council consider approving proposed Motion 22-214 which would approve and authorize an agreement with the Department of Commerce for the Eviction Rent Assistance Program 2.0 (ERAP 2.0).

Background

The Washington State Department of Commerce (Commerce), acting as the pass-through agency for the US Department of Treasury, has allocated funds to Snohomish County for the Eviction Rent Assistance Program 2.0.

These funds are provided with the intent to prevent evictions by providing payments for rental and utility assistance to households who have experienced financial hardship due to the COVID-19 outbreak and are at risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability. Included in the grant is a set-aside for disadvantaged populations.

Current Proposal

Scope: Motion 22-214 approves a grant agreement with Commerce for the county to administer ERAP 2.0.

Attachment A includes the detailed scope of work (beginning on page 12) and includes information related to:

1. Eligibility and prioritization – income at or below 80% of area median income and have a missed/past due rent payment not paid or partially unpaid since March 1, 2020 and are still an occupant of the resident
2. Performance Measurement – designed to ensure equitable access
3. Active work with By and For Subgrantees
4. Required partnership with Dispute Resolution Centers and Civil Legal Aid Organizations

Duration: February 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Commerce may terminate the agreement with ten (10) days written notice.

Fiscal Implications: \$20,789,658 The approved budget is broken down as:

Administration	\$1,382,511
Operations	\$1,580,013
Rent and Utilities	\$16,787,651
By and For Subcontracting	\$1,039,483
TOTAL	\$20,789,658

There is no county-required match.

2022 Budget: NO. Ordinance 22-024 requests council approve a supplemental appropriation to Fund 124 to provide expenditure authority for these funds.

The County will retain \$40,000 for their own administrative costs.

Future Budget Impacts: YES

Handling: NORMAL

Approved-as-to-form: N/A – Approved as to form only by Assistant Attorney General 7/17/2019.

Risk Management: YES

Executive Recommendation: YES

Analysis: Partner ECAF 2022-0528, Ordinance 22-024

Request: Move this motion to the Public Hearing date of June 22 as a companion to Ordinance 22-024 for Council to consider taking action.