

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington

NOTICE OF ENACTMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on September 27, 2021, the Snohomish County Council approved Emergency Ordinance 21-072, which became effective immediately upon adoption.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 21-072

RELATING TO THE 2021 BUDGET; MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN  
HUMAN SERVICES FUND 124 TO PROVIDE EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY  
FOR RENTAL AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2020, the Washington State Department of Health confirmed the first reported case of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States in Snohomish County, Washington. COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person;

WHEREAS, since January 21, 2020, the disease has spread throughout the United States. On January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency for COVID-19, beginning January 27, 2020. On February 29, 2020, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee proclaimed a public health emergency for COVID-19. On March 4, 2020, the Snohomish County Health Officer proclaimed a countywide public health emergency for COVID-19. On March 4, 2020, Executive Dave Somers issued a "Local Proclamation of Emergency Snohomish County" for COVID-19 (the "Emergency"). On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared COVID-19 a National Emergency;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 was signed into law. The act included emergency rental assistance, providing funds for rental and utility assistance to states and units of local government through the Department of Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Commerce has provided such funds to Snohomish County for rental and utility assistance.

WHEREAS, there are over five thousand households waiting for emergency rental assistance and an emergency appropriation is needed to provide rental assistance and prevent household from being evicted.

BE IT ORDAINED:

**Section 1.** The County Council makes the following findings of fact: a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$33,131,010 is necessary in the Human Services Fund 124, for the budget year 2021, to provide additional expenditure authority for cost related to the public health emergency including the prevention of evictions that would contribute to the spread of the virus.

**Section 2.** The appropriation units and allocation details described in Section 1 are as follows:

EXPENDITURE:

124 Human Services Fund		
124-5044611011	(Regular Salaries)	\$ 25,000
124-5044612013	(Personnel Benefits)	\$ 15,000
124-520020564105	(P-T T-RAP)	\$ 33,091,010
<b>Total Supplemental Appropriation</b>		<b>\$ 33,131,010</b>

REVENUE:

124 Human Services Fund		
124-304461561023	(T-RAP Ind fed)	\$ 40,000
124-320020561023	(P-T T-RAP Rev. Ind fed)	\$ 33,091,010
<b>Total Supplemental Appropriation</b>		<b>\$ 33,131,010</b>

**Section 3.** The County Council further finds that there is a need for additional expenditure authority because the funds that support it were unanticipated at the time of the adoption of the 2021 budget and have not been previously appropriated.

**Section 4.** The County Council further finds as a fact that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of public health and safety. Based on the foregoing, the County Council declares that an emergency exists and that this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

**Copies of the Ordinance:** To request copies of the ordinance, please call 425-388-3494, 1-800-562-4367 x3494, TDD 1-800-877-8339; or e-mail [Contact.Council@snoco.org](mailto:Contact.Council@snoco.org). The ordinance is also available on the Council's webpage at <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/2134/Council-Hearings-Calendar> or <https://snohomish.legistar.com>.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.



Asst. Clerk of the Council

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