

Committee: LJHS Analyst: Heidi Beazizo

ECAF: 22-0522

Proposal: Mot. 22-217 Date: May 12, 2022

Consideration

The Executive's Office requests Council consider approving proposed Motion 22-217 which would approve and authorize an agreement with the Washington State Department of Commerce.

Background

Snohomish County began welcoming refugees from the Ukraine conflict in 2022, partnering with Volunteers of America Western Washington and Refugee and Immigrant Services Northwest.

The Washington State Department of Commerce (Commerce) is offering Snohomish County a grant in the amount of \$1,077,258 to assist in providing services and supports to those fleeing from the Ukraine conflict; Services and supports may include, but not be limited to, temporary accommodation and other basic needs, connection to employment and education opportunities. The funds were appropriated in the 2021-2023 Washington State Operating Budget ESSB 5693, Laws of 2022, Sec. 128 (196).¹

Current Proposal

Scope: Motion 22-217 requests authority to approve a grant agreement with Commerce to serve those fleeing the Ukraine conflict.

Duration: February 24, 2022 through June 30, 2022.

Fiscal Implications: \$1,077,258

2022 Budget: These funds were not anticipated in the 2022 budget. Up to 10% of the total budget can be used for administrative costs; \$15,000 in admin is anticipated leaving \$1,062,258 for services and support. There is no county match required for this grant.

There is sufficient appropriation authority in Fund 124 to support this request.

Future Budget Impacts: N/A

Handling: EXPEDITE. There is urgency to expend the funds prior to June 30, 2022

Approved-as-to-form: N/A State form agreement

Risk Management: YES

Executive Recommendation: YES

Attachments: N/A

Amendments: N/A

Analysis: Council consideration is needed as this grant was not included in the 2022 Grant Work Plan.

<u>Request:</u> Assign this motion to COW at Admin session on May 16 and place on the agenda for council to consider taking action.

¹ 5693-S.SL.pdf (wa.gov)