



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Health and Community Services

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ECAF: 2023-0710

Proposal: Motion 23-266

Date: July 11, 2023

Consideration

Proposed Motion 23-266 would amend the 2022 Annual Action Plan (2022 AAP) to expand the population served for an existing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project and to add income to the Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) program.

Background

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development requires Snohomish County adopt the Snohomish County Urban County Consortium's annual action plan to receive federal grant funds under the CDBG, HOME, and other programs.

The grant funds are for affordable housing, facilities providing community services, infrastructure projects, homeless programs, and economic development activities. The funds must primarily benefit low-income individuals. Snohomish County is the lead agency for the Consortium.

The annual actions plan must be consistent with the adopted 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan approved via [Motion 20-234](#). They are subject to review and recommendation from the Consortium's Policy Advisory Board and require publication for public comment. The 2022 AAP was adopted by [Motion 22-162](#).

The Snohomish County Charter grants the County Council has authority over contracts and budgets ([Charter 2.20](#)) and requires action by Motion ([Charter 2.140](#)).

Analysis

Motion 23-266 proposes two substantial amendments to the 2022 AAP. One relates to Snohomish County use of CDBG funds. The other involves the City of Everett's use of HOME program funds.

The County awarded \$139,576 to the YWCA Families in Transition (YWCA-FIT) project to help low-income, homeless, single parents with disabilities and their dependent children. The YWCA-FIT program does not have enough households with children on their caseload in need of services to meet their contract goals but have households without children that need the services and could benefit from the program. Motion 23-266 would expand the

scope the YWCA-FIT award to allow assistance to households without children. This change will not reduce or impact YWCA-FIT program's ability to serve the original target population and does not change the number of households it serves. There is no fiscal impact from this amendment. It only changes how YWCA may spend the existing award.

Everett uses its share of HOME funds received via the Consortium to for affordable housing projects. The City is proposing to add \$63,759.82 in 2021 HOME funds to the 2022 AAP to provide purchase assistance to low- and moderate-income first-time home buyer households. This amendment simply reallocates existing grant resources.

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund by this motion. The 2022 AAP amendment reallocates existing grant resources.

Current Proposal

Summary: Motion 23-266 would amend the 2022 AAP, reallocating existing grant resources.

Handling: Normal

Finance: Approve

Executive Recommendation: Approve

Request: Move to General Legislative Session on July 19 for consideration.