

# **Snohomish County Recovery Update**

May 4, 2022

# ORR Mission & Scope

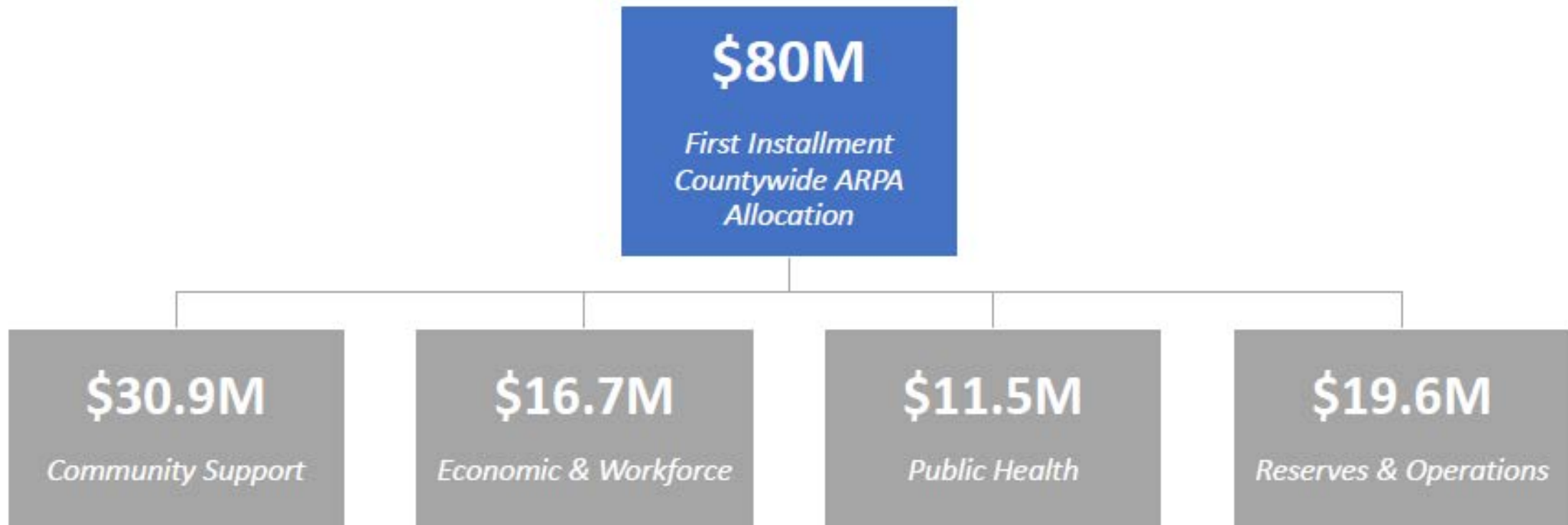
- Snohomish County is expected to receive \$160 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.
  - Received the first \$80 million in May 2021.
  - Expect to receive the second \$80 million in May or June 2022.
- Executive Somers & Council established the Office of Recovery & Resilience (ORR) to guide the county's recovery work by ensuring the \$160 million in federal pandemic relief the county received is administered quickly and equitably.
  - ORR established in summer 2021; hiring staff fall 2021 – winter 2021.
  - Funded through December 31, 2023

# ORR Team Members

- Director – Dr. Kara Main-Hester
  - Guides strategic direction of ORR, ensures projects remain on schedule and federal reporting guidelines are followed.
- Deputy Director – Chrissie Grover-Roybal
  - Policy and performance evaluation lead.
- Communications Director – Kelsey Nyland
  - Develops and implements communications strategy across owned media, earned media, and outreach efforts.
- Communications Manager – Marko Lias
  - Develops and implements outreach and engagement efforts.
- Contracting & Procurement – Jessica Ruhle
  - Oversees and executes recovery contracts and procurement, ensures all contracts are executed equitably, quickly, and with correct documentation.
- Project Manager – TBD
- Administrative Assistant – Tiffany Kelly
  - Coordinates all internal and external scheduling needs, supports hiring and onboarding, and supports outreach and engagement efforts.

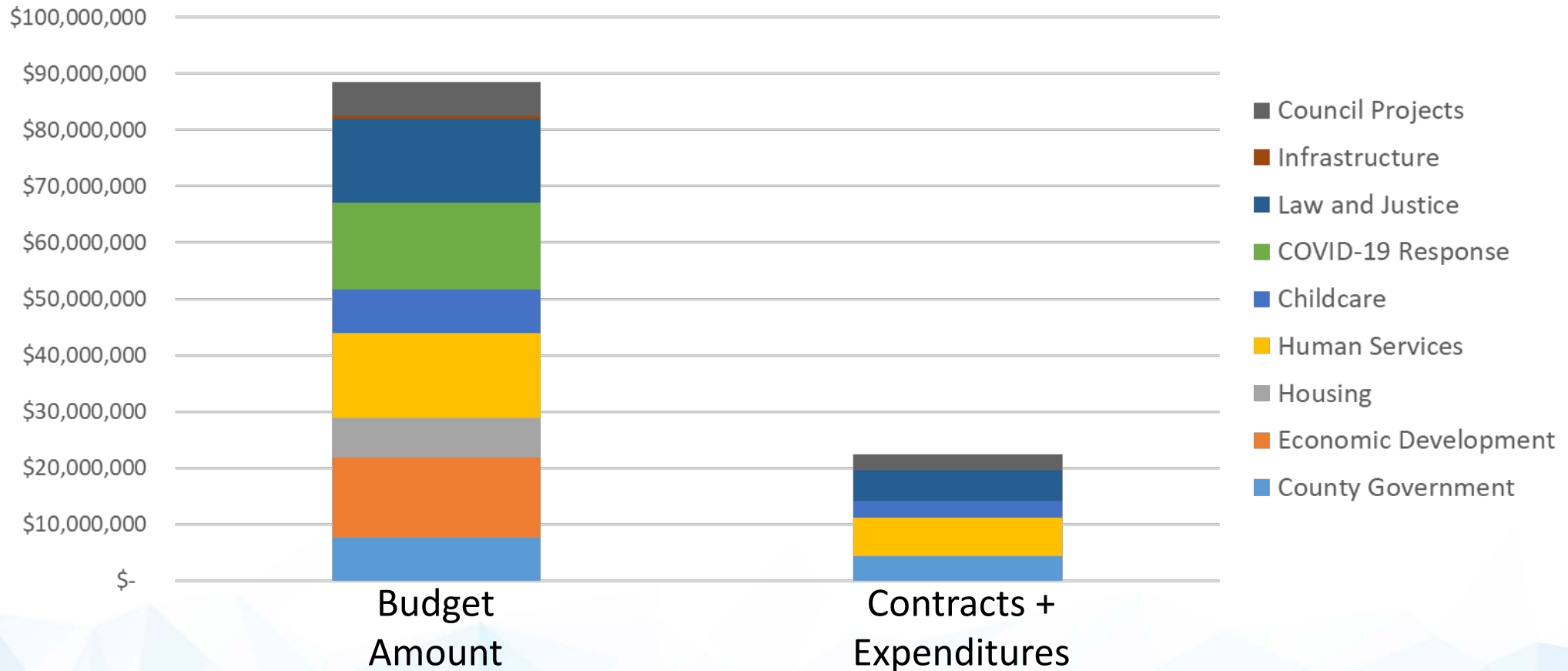
# Tranche One ARPA Allocation

- In October 2021, Executive Somers and the County Council developed and passed that spend plan for the first \$80 million in ARPA funds.



# ARPA Spending To-Date

*including Council District Projects*



In procurement process for approximately ~\$24 million including all Economic Development projects.



# Notable Tranche One Programs

- Community Support
  - Nourishing Neighborhoods (\$500,000)
  - New Start Center (\$8 – 10M)
  - Shelter & Behavioral Health Partnership Program (\$2.5M)
  - Nonprofit Capacity-Building (\$2.5M)
- Economic & Workforce Development
  - Broadband (\$5M)
  - Small Business Innovation Assistance (\$3.1M)
- Reserves & Operations
  - COVID-19 Response (\$10M)
    - Because additional COVID-19 contact tracing or PPE distribution was not needed, much of this can be reallocated into community.

# T1 Community Support Major Project Updates

## New Start Center:

- Goal is to purchase at least one hotel/motel using T1 money to create between 100 – 150 new units of bridge housing coupled with wraparound services.
- Brought on a broker in November 2021, currently reviewing multiple properties across South County and Everett.

# T1 Community Support Major Project Updates

## Shelter & Behavioral Health Partnership Program:

- Cities have applied to receive up to \$250,000 ARPA match from the county for projects that support an expansion of shelter and/or behavioral health efforts.

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<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Program</u>
<b>Edmonds</b>	Household Support Grant Program
<b>Everett</b>	Pallet Shelter Expansion
<b>Lynnwood</b>	VOAWW Rapid Rehousing
<b>Marysville</b>	Marysville Shelter Home (MESH)
<b>Monroe/Sultan</b>	Mobile Mental Health Dispatch and Services
<b>Mukilteo</b>	Embedded Social Worker

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- Behavioral health application being reviewed
  - Projects include social workers & mental health counseling



# T1 Community Support Major Project Updates: Nourishing Neighborhoods

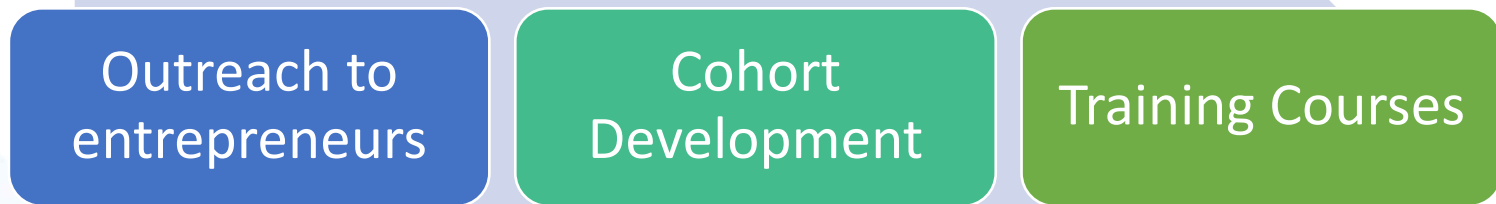
- ORR partnered with Human Services, Department of Emergency Management, and Volunteers of America Western Washington to develop a transition plan for Nourishing Neighborhood sites.
- VOAWW has assessed all sites and will be providing Community Outreach Navigators that will provide culturally-informed services to ensure that households are connected to benefits, food banks and pantries.
- Navigators will provide food boxes and work with sites for 1-13 months depending on community need.
- VOAWW will also provide a future food resiliency plan building from NN concept.

# Small Business Innovation Assistance Process

## Small Business Assistance Pathway



## Startup Pathway



- Designed for small businesses in disproportionately impacted industries (leisure and hospitality, tourism, and manufacturing) and entrepreneurs in Qualified Census Tracts.
- Request for Proposals for a Program Administrator is currently open.
- Expect SBIA program to be open to the public this summer.

# T1 Economic & Workforce Major Project Updates

## Broadband:

ORR partnering with Public Works and IT to develop a Request for Proposals to study broadband access in Snohomish County.

- Focus is on addressing infrastructure barriers, affordability issues, lack of high-quality broadband.
- Study will take place over the summer and will help inform future broadband policies and investments.
- Goal is to supplement work being done through WSBO Infrastructure Acceleration grant from the state.

# Tranche Two Timing & Approach

- ORR and partners are conducting a countywide community engagement strategy to inform how we spend the second \$80 million and unallocated reserves.
- Goal is to ensure our investments are directly responsive to community needs as they are today.
- Engagement plan will be completed by the end of June, and community priorities will be made public to the Council and residents.
  - Spend plan will be submitted shortly thereafter.
- Each Councilmember will receive a briefing to discuss their district's specific needs and priorities.

# Complete: Facilitated Recovery Discussions

- ORR held nine facilitated recovery discussions with stakeholders across key recovery issues, and asked the following questions:
  - What are the most urgent issues for the populations you serve related to pandemic recovery?
  - Within those issues, what are solutions we know work, they just need to be scaled?
  - On the flip side, what are persistent or emerging problems that you don't yet know how to solve?
- Met with partners across the following issue areas:
  - Human Services
  - Affordable Housing
  - Arts & Culture
  - Economic & Workforce Development
  - Communities Furthest from Opportunity
  - Faith Communities

# Key Themes

- Accessible and affordable child care is crucial, particularly to help women reenter the workforce.
- Significant increase in affordable housing, permanent supportive housing, and shelter units.
- Create workforce pipelines, particularly for human service workers (*e.g.*, MSWs, case managers, behavioral health specialists).
- Focus on youth and families impacted by two years of virtual school.
- When delivering services, meet people where they are, be culturally responsive.

# In Progress: Mayor & Tribal Leader Meetings

- ORR currently meeting with mayors, tribal leaders, and city managers across Snohomish County to get a better sense of:
  - Constituent needs
  - City ARPA allocation and uses
  - Wish list items
  - Potential ways to partner
- Mayor meetings will conclude by the third week in May.
- Have nearly completed meetings with city leadership in Council Districts 3, 4, and 5. Districts 1 and 2 forthcoming.
- Key highlights:
  - South County: Increase in shelter and behavioral health services.
  - East County: Infrastructure improvements, including sewage and stormwater.
  - East County: Incentivizing new small businesses.

# T1 & T2 Upcoming Milestones

- **Contracting:** Developing and executing contracts for T1 ARPA projects. Currently contracting tourism marketing, capacity-building for nonprofits, Shelter Partnership Program, child care supports, and job training supports, in addition to Council projects.
  - ORR goal is to have all T1 projects obligated by the end of Q3.
- **Community Engagement:** Will complete mayor and tribal leader meetings by the third week in May. In-person, public recovery meetings start the final week in May and will wrap up by the last week in June.
- **T2 Spend Plan:** ORR will submit a T2 spend plan to the Council – funding community priorities – Summer.
- **Community Co-Design:** This summer, will work with community partners on paid co-design for high-priority policy issues, like child care and workforce development.



# Questions?