

# Office of Recovery & Resilience

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# Background

- Executive Somers and the County Council established the Office of Recovery & Resilience (ORR) in Summer 2021 to oversee the County's \$160 million American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation.
- Federal pandemic recovery funds passed by Congress in March 2021. Can be used in the following ways:
  - Support COVID-19 response efforts to continue to decrease spread of the virus
  - Replace lost revenue for governments to strengthen support for vital public services and help retain jobs
  - Support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses
  - Address systemic social and economic challenges that contribute to the unequal impact of the pandemic
- Funding is one-time; must be contracted by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026.

# Scope of Work

- Oversee all work related to the County's \$160 million ARPA allocation, which includes:
  - Communications, data transparency, and community outreach
  - Developing Requests for Proposals, contracts, and grants
  - Policy development, community-informed program design, project management, and performance evaluation
  - Developing, implementing, and monitoring the ARPA budget
  - Technical support for grantees and invoicing
  - Evaluating proposals and programs for ARPA and County compliance
  - Quarterly expenditure reporting to the U.S. Treasury and annual performance reporting to the U.S. Treasury
- Work closely with Snohomish County departments, particularly Human Services and Economic Development.



# Project Spotlight: Recovery Roadshows

- **Five** roadshows in total
- **373** total attendees (not included elected officials, county staff, or community partners)
- **25** county agencies and community-based organizations participated in resource tables
- Kids activities, free dinner and dessert, and Spanish-language interpretation and translation on-site
- Three parts:
  - Resource tables where attendees connected directly with county and community-based services and resources.
  - Voting session where attendees voted for their top three recovery investment priorities.
  - A deep-dive recovery discussion on the top-voted issues. Residents provided feedback on how they have been impacted by the pandemic and worked alongside county staff to start to develop solutions and programs.







# Project Spotlight: Everett & Edmonds Hotel Purchases

- Convert Days Inn facility in Everett and America's Best in Edmonds to time-limited, bridge housing
- Housing will be coupled with wraparound services including food, hygiene, employment services, legal services, and mental health & substance abuse disorder services
- Provides 129 new units of bridge housing for unsheltered residents
  - Everett – 74
  - Edmonds – 55



## Project Spotlight: Shelter & Behavioral Health Partnership Program

- Investment of \$9.6 million in shelter and behavioral health projects
- In partnership with nine cities across 11 projects, investments will result in:
  - Shelter units to house an estimated 36 unhoused individuals
  - Rent and rapid rehousing assistance for at least 130 individuals and families
  - Increased behavioral health services, including social workers embedded in emergency response, criminal legal system navigational support, case management for unhoused residents, and mental health & wraparound supports for students





# Project Spotlight: Increasing Broadband Access

- Snohomish County is launching a comprehensive study to identify gaps in high-quality broadband access across the county.
- Gaps in service, affordability barriers, and current broadband infrastructure will be analyzed and addressed through customized recommendations that meet the unique needs of Snohomish County.
- Snohomish County has released a Request For Proposals (RFP) to identify a partner entity to conduct the study, currently evaluating responses.



# Project Spotlight: Child Care

- Snohomish County is investing \$2.35 million into existing ECEAP agencies to sustain and/or enhance equitable access to high quality child care.
- Investment of \$2.9 million in behavioral health services for child care staff and enrolled children and their families to mitigate the documented increase of mental health issues due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Impact

- ❑ 1,379 families provided a subsidy for child care
- ❑ 2,030 school aged children who attend child care using a subsidy



# Stay in Touch

- Stay up-to-date on Snohomish County's ARPA programs – and find other available pandemic relief and recovery resources – at [www.snohomishcountywa.gov/recovery](http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/recovery).
- Can contact us directly with any questions or ideas at [SnohomishCounty.Recovers@snoco.org](mailto:SnohomishCounty.Recovers@snoco.org).