



Snohomish County Council

Committee: COW

ECAF: 22-1095

Proposal: Mot. 22-448

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Date: October 14, 2022

Consideration

The Executive's Office requests Council consider approving proposed Motion 22-448 which would approve and authorize a grant agreement with the Department of Commerce for the State-funded Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP).

Background

Washington water assistance is provided through the [LIHWAP](#) and provides funds to assist low-income households who are disconnected or are in imminent threat of disconnection from drinking and sewer water services.

Current Proposal

Scope: Motion 22-448 requests Council authorize the County Executive to sign the State Water Assistance Fund Contract 23-32607-081.

The County will use the grant funds to support the operations of Washington Water Assistance program by providing a one-time benefit of \$500 for water and \$500 for sewer, not to exceed \$1,000 to customers at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level.

Duration: October 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023

Fiscal Implications: \$142,445 in grant funds; no impact to county general funds

2022 Budget: NO – however, Human Services has sufficient appropriations in 2022 to cover the unanticipated funds.

Future Budget Impacts: YES. Duration extends into 2023

Handling: EXPEDITE

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

Risk Management: YES

Executive Recommendation: YES

Request: Assign to COW at Admin Session on October 18th and place on the agenda for Council to consider taking action also on October 18th.