SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

MOTION NO. 23-086

APPROVES THE AGREEMENT WITH CBG COMMUNICATIONS, INC

WHEREAS, Snohomish County has secured Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery (CLFR) grant funds under the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA); and

WHEREAS, the Executive Office of Snohomish County created the Office of Recovery & Resilience (ORR) to aid in the distribution of the ARPA funds; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 public health emergency has underscored the importance of universally available, high-speed, reliable, and affordable broadband coverage; and

WHEREAS, under Sections 602(c)(1)(D) and 603(c)(1)(D) of the Final Rule allows for ARPA funding to be used for broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the County published RFP-22-038BC to solicit proposals to study, map, assist and support the County in identifying unserved and underserved areas; and

WHEREAS, CBG Communications, Inc. was selected by the Snohomish County Evaluation Committee to provide a Broadband Enhancement Study; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to provide CBG Communications, Inc. with \$101,000 as a subrecipient of federal funds to provide consulting on the Broadband Enhancement Study; and

WHEREAS, this study will among other things; assess the broadband needs of Snohomish County, identify unserved and underserved areas and provide deployment alternatives to reduce broadband gaps; and

WHEREAS, this study will among other things; analyze the County's current infrastructure for current/future needs and provide recommendations on improving interconnection between County facilities and external customers; and

WHEREAS, this study will among other things; identify areas and households with limited or no broadband service access and speed or with affordability barriers that limits or prevent broadband access; and

WHEREAS, funding for the CBG Communications, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$101,000 is a CLFR Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the Snohomish County Council approves the agreement between Snohomish County and CBG Communications, Inc.

PASSED this 21st day of February, 2023.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

Council Chair

ATTEST:

Asst Clerk of the Council