



**Snohomish County**

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**Dave Somers**  
County Executive

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Snohomish County Council

FROM: Kara Main-Hester, Chief Recovery & Resilience Officer

DATE: February 23, 2023

RE: 2023 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Flood Risk Reduction Grant Awardees

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### **Background:**

Snohomish County facilitated the Flood Risk Reduction Capital and Planning Projects grant application to fund capital construction projects to mitigate the risk of river and coastal flooding as well as planning and design projects that prepare for future flood mitigation construction projects in the county. Total recommended ARPA funding available was \$2 million to support awarded projects. This memo is meant to satisfy the ARPA Spending Plan required by the 2023 Adopted Budget Note No. 8.

Funding was available for capital construction as well as planning and design projects(s).

- *Capital Construction Funding Available:* Projects that were eligible for construction funding could apply for a minimum of \$250,000 up to \$2 million.
- *Planning & Design Funding Available:* Projects that support planning, scoping, and design for future flood control construction projects were invited to apply for a minimum of \$100,000.

Eligible applicants were Special Purpose Districts in Snohomish County and/or a City in partnership with one of the outlined districts. All applicants were required to meet licensing requirements and financial criteria. Projects that were eligible needed to demonstrate a series of criteria including successful implementation within the timeframes dictated by ARPA funding. Projects were prioritized that included certain qualifiers, including reducing risk to critical facilities and mitigation of flood risk within Qualified Census Tracts.

### **Scoring:**

Following a countywide competitive process, Snohomish County received two applications, representing a capital project as well as a planning & design project aimed mitigating critical flood risks in the county. Both applications were reviewed and determined to have met threshold criteria required in the application. Applications were scored by a review committee of three people who have expertise in surface water management and flood mitigation. Scores and recommendation for awardee funding was communicated to the Office of Recovery and Resilience (ORR) for final review and approval.

## Awardees:

Based on the scoring committee's results the following projects will be awarded.

### **City of Stanwood**

- \$1,750,000 in funding for City of Stanwood's "Diking District 7 Fish Passage and Levee Improvements Project"
- The Drainage and Diking Improvement District No. 7 (DD7) levee protects roughly 2,200 acres of high value agricultural land, the City of Stanwood, and State Highway 532 from flood risk. The repair to the existing levee will consist of clearing and grubbing followed by fill placement to achieve the design elevation, replacing tide gates to improve fish passage to and from Douglas Creek and setting back a portion of the levee to offset the impacts to tidal wetlands. The levee setback will restore approximately nine acres of tidal wetlands for fish and wildlife habitat

### **City of Marysville**

- \$250,000 in funding for City of Marysville's "Public Works & Wastewater Treatment Plant Flood Risk Reduction Project".
- This City of Marysville intends to achieve the following: 1) coordinate with Snohomish County and the Tulalip Tribes to determine the future of Diking District 3, 2) complete an analysis of the future impacts of sea level rise on the existing levee system, associated Ebey Waterfront trail and City infrastructure (including the City's Public Works facility and Wastewater Treatment Plant) and 3) develop preliminary design and O&M.

## Timeline:

Agreements with awardees are planned to be finalized and implemented by April 2023.