



## Snohomish County Council

**Committee:** Committee of the Whole

**Analyst:** Ryan Countryman

**ECAF:** 2023-0367

**Proposal:** Ordinance 23-034

**Date:** April 12, 2023

### **Consideration**

Proposed Ordinance 23-034 would make a supplemental appropriation in the adopted 2023 budget for Human Services Fund 124.

### **Background and Analysis**

The Snohomish County Human Services Department (HSD) provides rental and utility assistance with funding which passes through the Washington State Department of Commerce from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021. The Commerce Eviction Rent Assistance Program 2.0 (ERAP-2) requires expenditure of funds by June 30, 2023. Under ERAP-2, the County received an award of \$25,399,806 in late 2021. In 2022, the County expended \$5,981,291 under Contract 21-4618C-124 (ECAF 2021-1034).

Commerce is providing the County an additional \$12,000,000 without any required matching contribution. The Executive is signing a contract amendment. These grant funds will prevent evictions by providing payment for rental and utility assistance for low-income residents impacted by the pandemic. The County will subcontract \$12,000,000 to a local nonprofit to provide eligible activities to the target population. A supplemental appropriation is necessary since the original 2023 budget did not anticipate the additional grant funds (SCC 4.26.110).

HSD requests urgent processing to meet Washington State Department of Commerce requirements for expenditure of these funds by June 30, 2023. The supplemental appropriation amount of \$31,418,515 is the \$12,000,000 in new funds plus the amount of original ERAP-2 funds not spent in 2022.

### **Current Proposal**

*Summary:* Ordinance 23-034 would authorize a supplemental appropriation in HS Fund 124.

*Fiscal Implications:* Budget authorization for the anticipated receipt and expenditure of \$12,000,000 in additional grants.

**Handling:** Marked as urgent; assigned to COW to meet the expenditure deadline.

**Finance:** Approve

**Executive Recommendation:** Approve

**Approved as to Form:** Yes

**Request:** Move to set time and date for a public hearing. (Suggested hearing date is May 3, 2023 at 10:30 am.)