

Snohomish County Council

Committee: Finance Committee Analyst: Jim Martin

ECAF: 2021-0776

Consideration:

Related to the 2021 Budget; Making a supplemental appropriation in Fund 124 to provide expenditure authority for rental and utility assistance.

Background

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been multiple efforts made to assist with funding needs created by the crisis, including CARES Act funding of \$143 million received by Snohomish County in 2020. With the pandemic continuing into 2021, there is ongoing need for many forms of assistance to the public. In 2021, direct aid of \$33,131,010 is being provided to Snohomish County from the United States Department of Treasury, as part of the Treasury Rental assistance Program (T-RAP). Prior funds appropriated via Ordinance 21-051 were for the Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance (T-ERA) program. As these are new funds to the County, supplemental budget appropriation is required to receive and expend these funds. With the expiration of the eviction moratorium, this action is being put forth as an emergency ordinance. The proposed appropriation is for \$33,091,010 to be applied to T-RAP Rental Assistance Program, subcontracted to a local nonprofit. The remaining \$40,000 will remain with Snohomish County to cover salaries and benefits related to administrative costs.

Current Proposal

To make a supplemental appropriation in Fund 124, to provide expenditure authority for rental assistance and housing stability, as well as Snohomish County administrative costs.

Duration: N/A

Fiscal Implications: \$33,131,010 Revenue and Expenditures

2021 Budget:

Is this in the current year budget. No

Future Budget Impacts: N/A

Handling: Urgent.

Approved-as-to-form: Yes Risk Management: N/A

Executive Recommendation: Approval

Attachments: Refer to the submitted ECAF that includes the following attachments:

(1) Proposed Emergency Ordinance

Amendments: NONE.

Request: Move to Council for consideration.