



Snohomish County Council

Legislation Text

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Executive/Council Action Form (ECAF)

ITEM TITLE:

Motion 21-166. amending the 2019 Annual Action Plan to add Supplemental Community Development Block Grant Funds for the Coronavirus Pandemic

DEPARTMENT: Human Services

ORIGINATOR: Debra May

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION: Approve

PURPOSE: Approve a motion to amend the 2019 Annual Action Plan.

BACKGROUND: The Snohomish County Consortium (Consortium) is a partnership between Snohomish County and the cities and towns in the county for the receipt of federal entitlement funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs. Investment of the funds is guided by the Consolidated Plan which contains five-year goals to help address local priority housing and community development needs that primarily benefit low- and moderate-income persons and neighborhoods in our county. An Annual Action Plan is developed each year for use of the funds. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) (Public Law 116-136) made available \$5 billion in supplemental CDBG funds nationally (CDBG-CV) to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus. In the first phase of supplemental CDBG funding (CDBG-CV1), the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocated \$1,830,114 in CDBG-CV1 funds to the Consortium.

CDBG-CV1 grant funds are required to be added to the County's 2019 Annual Action Plan through the same process used for the Consortiums' entitlement funds by way of our Citizen Participation Plan and substantial amendment process, in accordance with our existing requirements and the flexibilities and waivers provided in the CARES Act.

Public Review and Comment

On Thursday July 23, 2020, the Policy Advisory Board (PAB) approved allocating 60% of the CDBG CV1 funds for public services, 20% for economic development, and 20% for administrative costs. On October 8, 2020, the PAB approved revised selection processes for public services and economic development. The CDBG-CV1 amendment was available for a five-day public review and comment through April 13, 2021. No comments were received.

CDBG-CV1 Proposed Allocations

A total of \$1,830,114 in CDBG-CV1 funds is proposed to be allocated to the following projects and programs:

- 1. Public Services:** A total of \$1,098,068 in CDBG-CV1 funds will be used to support existing efforts to prepare for, respond to, or prevent the coronavirus for those at risk of or experiencing homelessness or housing instability. This will include two primary activities carried out through five public service projects:

- The continuation of re-employment services for COVID-Impacted households that provides access to specialized employment services for families and individuals experiencing homelessness or housing instability; and
- The continuation of prevention services, including an expansion of services that would provide civil legal services to prevent eviction and homelessness.

The public services proposed projects are included in Motion Attachments A through G.

2. Economic Development: A total of \$366,024 will be used to provide grants to small businesses (microenterprises of five or fewer employees, including the owner(s)) to establish, stabilize, or expand new or existing microenterprises through the Workforce Snohomish - Snohomish County Small Business Relief, Recovery, and Resiliency Program, utilizing the following priorities:

- Geographic diversity consistent with the five Snohomish County Council Districts;
- Ethnic diversity consistent with the diversity of eligible applications; and
- Allocate funds to council district applications based on percentage of total funds requested within districts and apply to the amount of CDBG-CV1 funds available. If funds are remaining in any district allocation, then repropotion to remaining applications not funded.

3. Administration Costs: A total of \$366,022 will be used by Snohomish County, the grant recipient and lead agency of the Snohomish County Consortium, to undertake required CDBG-CV1 grant planning and administration activities.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

EXPEND: FUND, AGY, ORG, ACTY, OBJ, AU	CURRENT YR	2ND YR	TOTAL
124-52059234101	\$732,046	\$732,046	\$1,464,092
124-504461XXXX (Various Admin Line Items)	\$183,011	\$183,011	\$366,022
TOTAL	\$915,057	\$915,057	\$1,830,114

REVENUE: FUND, AGY, ORG, REV, SOURCE	CURRENT YR	2ND YR	TOTAL
124-32059233114	\$732,046	\$732,046	\$1,464,092
124-304461563569	\$183,011	\$183,011	\$366,022
TOTAL	\$915,057	\$915,057	\$1,830,114

DEPARTMENT FISCAL IMPACT NOTES: There is no fiscal impact to County general revenues as a result of this action.

CONTRACT INFORMATION:

ORIGINAL _____ CONTRACT# _____ AMOUNT _____
 AMENDMENT _____ CONTRACT# _____ AMOUNT _____

Contract Period

ORIGINAL START _____ END _____
 AMENDMENT START _____ END _____

OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW/COMMENTS: Reviewed by Finance

