



# Snohomish County Council

## Legislation Text

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### Executive/Council Action Form (ECAF)

**ITEM TITLE:**

Motion 23-477, approving and authorizing the execution of the Infrastructure Acceleration Grant Agreement between Snohomish County and the Washington State Department of Commerce, Broadband Office

**DEPARTMENT:** Information Technology

**ORIGINATOR:** Dee White

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:** Approved by Ken Klein 10/25/23

**PURPOSE:** To execute a Grant Agreement with the Washington State Department of Commerce for American Rescue Recovery Plan Act state and local fiscal recovery funds (SLFRF) for the Snohomish County and Ziplly State Route 530 Broadband Project.

**BACKGROUND:** The County has received a grant award from the Washington State Department of Commerce, Broadband Office (“WSBO”) to expand broadband services into rural areas of Snohomish County. The County has submitted a joint application for the award with Ziplly Fiber NW, LLC a broadband system provider to construct a Fiber to the Premise (FttP) network along or near the State Route 530 Corridor from the City of Arlington to the Town of Darrington. The communities to be connected include Bryant, Trafton, Cicero, Oso, Rowan, Hazel, Swede Heaven, Whitehorse, and Darrington. The proposed project will enable gigabit fiber connectivity to approximately 4,510 addresses. The approved project spans multiple years, includes several complex, industry-specific agreements and is funded through more than \$16M in federal recovery grant funding and over \$9M in matching funds provided by Ziplly Fiber NW. The IT Department is requesting Council approval of the Department of Commerce WSBO SLFRF grant award totaling \$16,713,615. **This is a multi-year project with funding expiration set for 2025 and is related to ECAF 2023-0825. Expedited handling is requested to accept the grant funding and proceed with related construction and use agreements in order to begin the project immediately.**

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

<b>EXPEND:</b> FUND, AGY, ORG, ACTY, OBJ, AU	2023-2025		
315 51144934101 - Professional Serv.	\$16,713,615		
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$16,713,615		

<b>REVENUE:</b> FUND, AGY, ORG, REV, SOURCE	2023-2025		
315 31144932102 Broad Fed Ind 21.027	\$16,713,615		

<b>TOTAL</b>	\$16,713,615		

**DEPARTMENT FISCAL IMPACT NOTES:** This award was anticipated and included in the IT Fund 315 proposed 2023 budget as a multi-year large capital infrastructure project.

**CONTRACT INFORMATION:**

ORIGINAL	X	CONTRACT#	AMOUNT	\$16,713,615
AMENDMENT		CONTRACT#	AMOUNT	

**Contract Period**

ORIGINAL	START	7/1/2021	END	6/30/2025
AMENDMENT	START		END	

**OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW/COMMENTS:** PA approval is not required for grant agreements, but it was reviewed as part of the agreement included with ECAF 2023-0825. Reviewed/approved by Risk - Shelia Barker 10/23/23 and Finance - Nathan Kennedy 10/24/23