



Snohomish County Council

Legislation Text

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Executive/Council Action Form (ECAF)

ITEM TITLE:

Motion 23-490, approving and authorizing the execution of the agreement between Snohomish County and Ziplly Fiber Northwest, LLC

DEPARTMENT: Information Technology

ORIGINATOR: Dee White

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION: Ken Klein 11/1/23

PURPOSE: To execute an Agreement with Ziplly Fiber Northwest, LLC 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 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 County has negotiated multiple endpoints and up to 12 strands of fiber in segments throughout the network. Certain endpoints and segments are adjacent to but outside of the scope of the grant project area and carry an IRU fee to the County of \$125,100. The IT Department is requesting Council approval the contract with Ziplly Fiber Northwest, LLC for \$25,848,569. **This is a multi-year project with funding expiration set for 2025, and is related to ECAF 2023-823. Expedited handling is requested to execute the contract and begin the project immediately.**

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

EXPEND: FUND, AGY, ORG, ACTY, OBJ, AU	2023-2025		
315-51144936401 - Capital	\$16,713,615		
130-57516505786401 - Capital	\$125,100		
Matching Grant Funds: Ziplly Fiber	\$9,009,854		
TOTAL	\$25,848,569		

REVENUE: FUND, AGY, ORG, REV, SOURCE	CURRENT YR	2ND YR	1ST 6 YRS
TOTAL			

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

CONTRACT INFORMATION:

ORIGINAL	X	CONTRACT#	AMOUNT	\$25,848,569.00
AMENDMENT	_____	CONTRACT#	AMOUNT	_____

Contract Period

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

OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW/COMMENTS: Reviewed/approved by: Risk Management (Sheila Barker 10/31/23) and Finance (Nathan Kennedy 10/31/23). Prosecuting Attorney approval 10/27/2023 subject to memorandum