



**Public Notice and Opportunity to Comment
Proposed Substantial Amendment
Snohomish County Urban County Consortium
2022 Action Plan**

Snohomish County (County), as lead agency of the Snohomish County Urban County Consortium, seeks public review and comment on a proposed substantial amendment to the Consortium's 2022 Action Plan (2022 AP) to add Home Investment Partnership Program-Program Income (HOME PI) received in the 2021 program year.

The Action Plan describes how certain grant funds will be used during the year to help meet the five-year goals set forth in the Consortium's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The sources of grant funds include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs. The funds are used to support affordable housing and community development projects which benefit low- and moderate-income households and neighborhoods within the county. The Action Plan includes funding allocations to specific activities.

A substantial amendment to an annual action plan is sometimes needed after the plan has been adopted. On such occasions, the County publishes a notice of the proposed substantial amendment and provides the public with at least 30 days to comment. This notice serves this requirement for the proposed substantial amendment summarized below.

Summary of Proposed Amendment

The Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD) recently received 2021 HOME PI from HomeSight in the amount of \$489,633.61. HomeSight operate a first-time homebuyer assistance program and provides assistance through low interest loans which are paid back at the time of resale, refinance, or transfer of property. Due to the strong housing market over the past several years, HomeSight received a substantial amount of HOME PI and a decline in use of HOME PI for assistance to new homebuyers due to the lack of affordable single-family homes on the market.

Before the County may use the HOME PI for additional housing projects and program administrative costs, the HOME PI must be added to the 2022 AP. This substantial amendment will add the 2021 HOME PI to the 2022 AP as required.

A total of \$489,633.61 in returned HOME PI will be used by Snohomish County to fund additional affordable housing projects or existing projects needing additional funding

and administrative costs. When HOME PI is returned to the County, 10% may be used for program administrative costs of the program.

This proposed amendment, if approved, will add \$48,963.36 to the 2022 AP for program administrative costs and the remaining balance of \$440,670.25 will be used for new or existing affordable housing projects. Approval to fund existing or new affordable housing projects will be obtained through our current substantial and non-substantial amendment processes as outlined in our Citizen Participation Plan.

Public Review and Comment:

All interested persons are encouraged to review and comment on the proposed substantial amendment.

➤ **A copy of the full text of the proposed amendment is available at the following locations:**

- on-line at:
<https://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/5645/Consolidated-Plan-for-2020-2024>
- By requesting a copy (contact information listed below).

➤ **Written comments must be submitted no later than 4 p.m. on August 8, 2022.** Comments may be submitted via email or mail. Comments received will be taken into consideration before final action on the proposed amendment.

➤ **Reasonable accommodations** will be made upon request for persons with disabilities to provide the amendment information in an alternate format or to submit a comment in other formats.

For additional information, to comment, or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Debra May by email at debra.may@snoco.org, by phone at 425-388-3264, or by mail at: Snohomish County Human Services Department – OHCD M/S 305, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett, WA 98201.