



Proposed Substantial Amendment

To the Snohomish County Urban County
Consortium

2022 Action Plan

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I. Public Comment and Contact Information

Notice

Snohomish County, as lead agency of the Snohomish County Urban County Consortium (Consortium), seeks public review and comment on a proposed substantial amendment to the Consortium's 2022 Annual Action Plan (2022 AAP).

Information about the Annual Action Plan

The Annual 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 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). The funds are used to provide support for affordable housing and community development projects that benefit low- and moderate-income households and neighborhoods in the community. 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 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 listed below. A description of the amendment is included in Section II of this document.

All interested persons are encouraged to review and comment on the proposed substantial amendment. Written comments must be submitted no later than 4 p.m. on August 8, 2022, to Debra May via email at debra.may@snoco.org, or via mail at: Snohomish County Human Services Department, Housing & Community Services Division - M/S 305, 3000 Rockefeller Ave, Everett, WA 98201. Comments received will be taken into consideration before the substantial amendment is approved.

A copy of the full text of the proposed amendment is available at:

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

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II. Proposed Substantial 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 homebuyers 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 HOME PI for additional housing projects and program administrative costs, the HOME PI must be added to the 2022 Action Plan. This substantial amendment will add the 2021 HOME PI to the 2022 Action Plan 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% of the HOME funds may be used for program administrative costs of the program.

This proposed amendment, if approved, will add \$48,963.36 to the 2022 Action Plan 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 which are outlined in our Citizen Participation Plan.