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Snohomish County Launches Grant Program for Flood Risk Reduction Projects

ARPA-Funded Program Designed to Reduce Flood Risk to Impacted Communities; Preserve Housing and Small Businesses

Snohomish County, Wash., December 13, 2022 – Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers today announced that the County is releasing a Flood Risk Reduction grant application to fund projects that mitigate harms posed by potential flooding, with a focus on projects that preserve housing, small businesses, and meet the needs of disproportionately impacted populations. The grant is funded by the County’s federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation.

“The risk of catastrophic flooding is a reality for many Snohomish County residents and businesses. Aging infrastructure means that many communities are one storm away from losing everything in a flood. That’s why we’re using some of our federal recovery dollars to make smart investments in flood risk reduction infrastructure. With these dollars, we can preserve housing, make small businesses more resilient, and save lives,” said Executive Somers.

“Flooding has been a serious issue in North County, particularly in recent years. With this grant opportunity, the County is investing significant dollars into the safety of our communities,” said Councilmember Nate Nehring ([District 1](#)).

“My hope is these grants will help our flood prone communities with necessary infrastructure dollars to mitigate the damages due to flooding,” said Sam Low ([District 5](#)).

The County’s Flood Risk Reduction grant seeks capital construction projects that mitigate the risk of river and coastal flooding as well as planning and design projects that prepare for future flood mitigation construction projects. Capital and planning funding is as follows:

- ***Capital Construction:*** Projects that are eligible for construction funding may apply for a minimum of \$250,000 up to \$2 million.
- ***Planning & Design:*** Projects that support planning, scoping, and design for future flood risk reduction construction projects may apply for a minimum of \$100,000.

Interested organizations can access the grant [here](#), and the County will accept applications through 4:00 p.m. on January 27, 2023. The County will also host one remote technical assistance session for interested applicants; attendance at this session is strongly recommended. The session will take place on January 5, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Interested applicants can access the upcoming session on [this website](#). Organizations can reach out to SnohomishCounty.Recovers@snoco.org with any questions.

Executive Somers established the Office of Recovery and Resilience to guide the County’s recovery work by ensuring federal pandemic relief is administered quickly, effectively, and equitably. Information on the County’s recovery work can be found at www.snohomishcountywa.gov/recovery.

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