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## **Public Input Sought on Proposed Use of HOME Investment Partnership Program - American Rescue Plan Funds**

*Snohomish County announces a virtual public hearing on the proposed use of HOME Investment Partnerships – American Rescue Plan funds*

**Everett, Wash., February 9, 2023** - The Snohomish County Consortium is a partnership between Snohomish County and the cities and towns in the county for the receipt of federal entitlement funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs.

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan (ARP), which provides over \$1.9 trillion in relief to address the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy, public health, State and local governments, individuals, and businesses.

The ARP authorized the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to allocate HOME-ARP funds to jurisdictions that qualified for an allocation of HOME funds in Fiscal Year 2021. Snohomish County Consortium is eligible to receive \$7,295,083 HOME-ARP funds. HOME-ARP funds must primarily benefit qualifying individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or other vulnerable populations.

To receive HOME-ARP funds, Snohomish County is required to prepare and submit to HUD, a substantial amendment to the 2021 Action Plan that includes Snohomish County's proposed use of the funds through a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

**Public Hearing.** Snohomish County will hold a virtual public hearing to provide information on the proposed substantial amendment, to obtain resident views, and to respond to questions. Both oral and written comments will be accepted at the hearing on:

**Date:** Thursday, February 23, 2023

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Where:** Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88578847348?pwd=Titqa0FaV2tTU2ZPNnJwaEZleEE1QT09>

**Call-in #:** 1-253-215-8782

**Meeting ID:** 885 7884 7348

**Passcode:** 882012

**The Proposed Substantial Amendment will be available for review beginning on February 22, 2023, at:**  
<https://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/5645/Consolidated-Plan-for-2020-2024>

**Unable to attend a hearing? Written comments** are also invited through email or mail and must be received by 4:00 pm on March 8, 2023. Please send written comments to Debra May at [Debra.May@snoco.org](mailto:Debra.May@snoco.org) or at Snohomish County Human Services Department, OHCD, 3000 Rockefeller Ave, M/S 305, Everett, WA 98201.

**Reasonable Accommodations.** Snohomish County strives to provide access to all members of the public. Reasonable accommodations will be made to enable persons with disabilities to fully participate in the virtual public hearing, to submit a comment, and to make the substantial amendment available in an alternate format upon request. Please contact Debra May by email at [Debra.May@snoco.org](mailto:Debra.May@snoco.org), by phone at 425-388-3264, or by TTY at 711 or 1-800-833-6384 for voice or 1-800-833-6388 for text.

**Foreign Language Interpreters.** Foreign language interpreters for the public hearing are available upon advance request when a substantial number of non-English speaking residents can reasonably be expected to participate. To request an interpreter, please contact Debra May at least one week in advance of the hearing by email at [Debra.May@snoco.org](mailto:Debra.May@snoco.org) or by phone at 425-388-3264.

The **Snohomish County Human Services Department** helps all persons meet their basic needs and develop their potential by providing timely, effective human services and building community. The Housing & Community Services Division administers a wide range of programs that provide affordable housing, community development, and related services to low-income and homeless persons.

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