



MOTION NO. 16-168

PROVIDING DIRECTION TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO DEVELOP AN  
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF EVERETT TO AWARD FUNDING  
FOR A HOMELESS PILOT PROJECT IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Council adopted Amended Ordinance No. 15-081, the 2016 Budget, which included \$500,000 from REET1 and \$500,000 from Chemical Dependency/Mental Health (CD/MH) Program Fund to partner with other agencies or organizations to develop a homeless pilot project or projects (Homeless Pilot Project) for the construction, acquisition, and/or rehabilitation of housing dedicated to homeless individuals in Snohomish County who have chemical dependency, mental health, and/or co-occurring disorders; and

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2016, the Human Services Department, Division of Housing and Community Services (HCS), issued a Request for Concept Papers (RCFP) for the Homeless Pilot Project for up to \$500,000 from REET1 and \$500,000 from CD/MH Program Fund with concept papers due on March 10, 2016; and HCS received one responsive concept paper, which was from the City of Everett (City), to the RCFP; and

WHEREAS, the City's concept paper provides that the City would develop and operate a "Low Barrier Supportive Housing Capital Project" (the Project), the scope of which would be to develop 50-70 units to provide housing for chronically homeless individuals with chemical dependency, mental health, and/or co-occurring disorders in Everett; and

WHEREAS, the City's estimated cost to develop the Project is \$13,515,000, and the City identifies funding to develop the Project as follows: \$550,000 from the City, \$2,050,000 from the State Housing Trust Fund, \$9,915,000 from Low Income Housing Tax Credit investor funds, and \$1,000,000 from the 2016 Budget appropriation for a homeless pilot project or projects in Snohomish County; and the Project would be developed in collaboration with Catholic Housing Services and Catholic Community Services of Western Washington with support from Everett Housing Authority and other service providers; and

WHEREAS, SCC 4.25.070 (2) provides that the Chemical Dependency/Mental Health Program Advisory Board (Advisory Board) shall have the power and duty to make *"recommendations to the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of county government to promote efficient and cost-effective implementation and use of the"* CD/MH Program Fund; the City's concept paper was presented to the Advisory Board on March 30, 2016; and the Advisory Board voted to recommend the Project to the Snohomish County Council with the condition that provisions be made to ensure service to some persons from outside the City of Everett; and

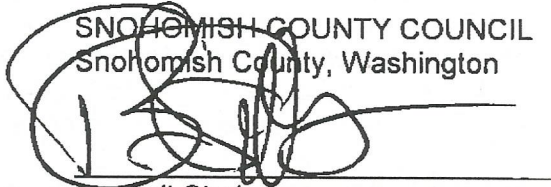
WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Council has not previously reviewed and approved an agreement/contract or form of agreement/contract to establish a homeless pilot project or projects in Snohomish County, and County Charter Section 1.30 provides that the County *"may by ordinance authorize participation in any function, project or activity with any one or more governments, governmental agencies, municipal corporations;"* and an Interlocal Agreement to be considered for adoption pursuant to Charter Section 1.30 will be required to award funding for the City of Everett's "Low Barrier Supportive Housing Capital Project"; and

WHEREAS, alternatives to the use of \$500,000 REET1 and \$500,000 of CD/MH Program Funds for a homeless pilot project or projects have been discussed in Snohomish County Council's Law & Justice/Human Services Committee, including that \$500,000 of CD/MH Program Funds appropriated to the Carnegie Transitional Housing Project could be supplanted with \$500,000 REET1 thereby allowing the \$500,000 of CD/MH Program Funds appropriated for Carnegie to be allocated to the homeless housing project or projects to result in \$1,000,000 of CD/MH Program Funds available for the Project;


NOW, THEREFORE ON MOTION,

1. The Snohomish County Council finds the City of Everett's concept paper as responsive to the RCFP to establish a Homeless Pilot Project in Snohomish County; and
2. The Snohomish County Council provides direction to the County Executive to have Snohomish County staff prepare an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Everett for the City of Everett to be awarded funding for a Homeless Pilot Project in Snohomish County; and
3. The Snohomish County Council requires that the Interlocal Agreement be submitted to the County Council for review and consideration of action by Ordinance as provided by the County Charter, Section 1.30; and
4. The Interlocal Agreement shall include, but not necessarily be limited to the following provisions:
  - a. The award shall not exceed \$1,000,000 from Snohomish County's CD/MH Program Funds;
  - b. Specific provisions shall be made to ensure that the "Low Barrier Supportive Housing Capital Project" shall not be limited to individuals from the City of Everett;
  - c. Periodic reporting shall be provided to the Snohomish County Council regarding the use of the "Low Barrier Supportive Housing Capital Project;" and
  - d. The Interlocal Agreement shall state that Snohomish County shall not be responsible for operations and maintenance of the facility.
5. The Snohomish County Council provides direction to the County Executive to have Snohomish County staff identify actions required, if any, of the CD/MH Advisory Board and Snohomish County Council to ensure that funding sources are better aligned with the Homeless Pilot Project.

PASSED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington  
  
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Council Chair  
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Asst. Clerk of the Council

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