

**CITY OF SNOHOMISH
Snohomish, Washington**

ORDINANCE 2423

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SNOHOMISH, WASHINGTON,
CREATING THE CITY OF SNOHOMISH RESCUE PLAN FUND AND
SETTING OUT ITS INTENDED USES**

WHEREAS, our City and region continue to experience a public health and economic emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which has led to sudden job losses, lower paychecks, and increased household costs to deal with COVID-19 impacts for many residents, as well as business/revenue losses for many local businesses; and

WHEREAS, Governor Inslee declared a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 crisis on February 29, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor declared an emergency of the City due to the COVID-19 crisis on March 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the state of emergency continues to this day even though the availability of vaccinations has curbed the health impacts of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish City Council previously adopted Ordinance 2408 to allocate federal CARES Act funding; and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) was signed into law on March 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, ARPA provides additional relief to address the continued impacts of COVID-19 on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, ARPA Sec. 9901 provides funding to states and local governments to mitigate the fiscal effects stemming from the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, states and local governments shall use the funds to cover costs incurred by December 31, 2024, to

- respond to the COVID-19 emergency or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;
- provide premium pay to essential workers or provide grants to employers of essential workers during the COVID-19 emergency;
- provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such state, territory, or tribal government due to the COVID-19 emergency; or
- make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS the City will be eligible for up to \$2,834,468 of ARPA funding from the United States Treasury;

NOW THEREFORE; THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SNOHOMISH, WASHINGTON, ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Snohomish hereby accepts an allocation of up to \$2,834,468 as the City of Snohomish's Federal ARPA allocation, as administered and disbursed by the United States Treasury, in accordance with United States Treasury Interim Final Rule.

Section 2. The Finance Director is hereby authorized to create and number a new fund to be known as the Snohomish Rescue Plan Fund, Fund 140, for the purpose of accounting for ARPA-eligible payments used to facilitate compliance with COVID-related public health measures, expenses associated with the provision of economic support in connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency, and any other COVID-related expenses reasonably necessary to the function of the City that satisfy the Act's eligibility criteria.

Section 3. The Snohomish Rescue Plan Fund shall be administered by the Finance Director under the direction of the Mayor.

Section 4. There shall be kept by and under the direction of the Finance Director, such books, accounts and records as are necessary to control and report the ARPA-eligible expenditures as authorized by the City Council.

Section 5. All interest earnings generated from ARPA funds shall be accrued to the General Fund.

Section 6. The authority provided in Section 4 shall end by December 31, 2026.

Section 7. The Finance Director or their designee shall provide the City Council and general public an annual written report about the amount of funds utilized by the City, the purpose and criteria by which it has been expended.

Section 8. **Severability.** If any section, subsection, clause, sentence, or phrase of this Ordinance should be held invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 9. **Publication.** This Ordinance shall be published by an approved summary consisting of the title.

Section 10. **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect immediately upon passage, as set forth herein, as long as it is approved by a majority plus one of the entire membership of the Council, as required by RCW 35A.12.130. If it is only approved by a majority of the Council, it will take effect five days after passage and publication.

ADOPTED by the City Council and **APPROVED** by the Mayor this 5th day of October, 2021.

CITY OF SNOHOMISH

By John T. Kartak
John T. Kartak, Mayor

ATTEST:

By Rebekah Park
Rebekah Park, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By Emily Guildner
Emily Guildner, City Attorney

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