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## CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT SPENDING

### BACKGROUND:

Skagit County recieved a total of \$12,697,236 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding.

\$3 million was designated by funding agencies for allocation to Public Health response, elections and courts for activities including:

- Contact tracing
- Facility improvements related to COVID-19 precautions
- Elections improvements and planning related to COVID-19

\$9, 690,000 of funding was discretionary.

\*Numbers may be rounded and are subject to final approval by federal agencies

### \$9.69 MILLION IN DISCRETIONARY SPENDING USED FOR:

#### \$6.75 MILLION FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND ENSURING SAFE COUNTY FUNCTIONS:

- Operation of a quarantine and isolation facility
- Operation of a COVID-19 low barrier test site
- County facility and parks safety improvements and cleaning
- COVID-19 response staffing through the Department of Emergency Management and Public Health
- Costs of technology for transitioning to remote work for county employees
- Public safety equipment and staffing
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Assisting residents with remote filing of fees and documents
- COVID-19 sick leave for county employees

#### \$2.94 MILLION IN GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS:

- \$159,197 in Mortgage assistance for Skagit Residents
- \$564,953 Motel vouchers for housing insecure Skagit residents
- \$989,000 to support for Skagit county schools remote learning and return to the classroom
- \$254,000 to support for Skagit county childcare providers
- \$69,455 in Behavioral health outreach
- \$852,000 in grants to support Skagit's small business and nonprofits
- \$40,000 to set up and support COVID-19 family resources center
- \$11,750 in Workforce development and COVID-19 recovery support for dislocated workers and small businesses, through the Northwest Innovation Resource Center's Project Reinvent

### IMPACT:

"In order to adapt to remote learning, we have purchased a number of subscriptions to online programs to support our students. The CARES funding is tremendously helpful as we continue to offer high quality learning in a remote world."  
 - Dr. Justin Irish, Superintendent of Anacortes School District

Performed over 25k tests at the drive through testing site.

"Families with kids, and particularly those under five who maybe haven't ever attended a traditional school setting, need community. The family resource center fits with the Skagit Children's museum's goal to provide a place for kids and families to build a network of personal and institutional support to help young kids go and thrive. We're thrilled to be apart of this project."  
 -Cate Anderson, Executive Director of Children's Museum of Skagit County