



MEMORANDUM

TO: Whatcom County Council

THROUGH: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive; Tyler Schroeder, Deputy Executive

FROM: Kayla Schott-Bresler, Strategic Initiatives Manager

RE: Ordinance to Establish a Community Priorities Fund

DATE: September 29, 2023

On [September 12, 2023](#), the Council and Executive discussed the opportunity to utilize revenue loss under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant. At that time, the Administration informed Council they would be bringing forward an ordinance to establish a Community Priorities Fund.

The attached ordinance for introduction provides for the establishment of this Fund, and establishes an initial revenue budget for the fund of \$5,100,000. All expenditures will be budgeted through the annual or supplemental budget process, consistent with [Council's ARPA spending plan](#), discussed on September 26th. As we finalize accounting on the ARPA grant, funds marked for specific purposes will be isolated in specific cost centers to allow for tracking and controls.

Please contact Kayla Schott-Bresler or Tyler Schroeder with any questions.