

## PREAMBLE

Washington State's Snoqualmie Valley is the ancestral home of the Snoqualmie people and consists of the unincorporated rural and resource lands of King County, the Snoqualmie Tribal Reservation, and the cities of Carnation, Duvall, North Bend, and Snoqualmie. This mix of small, vibrant cities surrounded by farmland, forest lands, and open space presents unique opportunities for residents and visitors to live, work, and play while enjoying urban amenities and rural landscapes. The Snoqualmie Valley continues to grow and evolve, becoming more racially and socially diverse, contributing to cultural and economic vitality.

The Parties wish to strengthen local economies in a way that honors the past; creates opportunity for residents, visitors, and businesses; and sustains and preserves rural character now and into the future.

### Memorandum of Understanding

WHEREAS the cities of Snoqualmie Valley - Carnation, Duvall, North Bend, and Snoqualmie, the King County Department of Local Services, and the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe (hereinafter referred to as "Parties") find it beneficial to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") to assist with promoting and coordinating the community's economic development efforts hereby creating the Snoqualmie Valley Economic Alliance (hereinafter referred to as the "Alliance").

WHEREAS the Parties agree to collaborate with local organizations ("Organizations"), including community associations, non-profits, greenway associations, school districts, and chambers of commerce, to enrich collaboration efforts on a voluntary, project-by-project basis. Appendix A includes Organization signatories in support of this MOU.

WHEREAS King County's Department of Local Services will provide support to coordinate regularly scheduled Alliance meetings and the Parties will determine, on a project-by-project basis, which Party or Organization will serve as the coordinating entity.

WHEREAS the King County Executive has submitted an Executive Proposed Snoqualmie Valley/Northeast King County Community Service Area Subarea Plan to the King County Council for potential adoption into law by December 2024.

WHEREAS the Parties have the following interests:

1. **Rural character** - Consistent with state, regional, and local land use policies, support policies which preserve, enhance, and protect the open spaces and rural character of the Snoqualmie Valley and pursue state and federal resources that benefit rural communities such as the Snoqualmie Valley.
2. **Healthy living through sustainability and green jobs<sup>1</sup>** - Center the environment and career sustainability of our fragile Pacific Northwest ecosystem through economic pathways that empower workers to pursue quality careers with sustainable wages.

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<sup>1</sup> King County defines green jobs as living wage positions providing environmental benefits (such as clean energy deployment) in high-demand industry sectors of construction, manufacturing, transportation, and professional services. [Green Jobs Strategy - King County, Washington](#)

3. **Diversity** - Honor the diversity of Snoqualmie Valley communities and ensure services for minority-owned businesses and historically underserved residents.
4. **Equity** - Promote access to capital, educate about small business best practices, reduce barriers to economic growth, and economically empower the residents and small business owners most impacted by environmental stressors (climate change, pandemics, economic recessions, etc.).<sup>2</sup>
5. **Honor the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe** - Respect and acknowledge the sovereignty of the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe and the economic and community benefit that the Tribe brings to the Snoqualmie Valley, King County, Washington State, and beyond.
6. **Local arts economy** - Consistent with state, regional, and local land use policies, support King County's Creative Economy<sup>3</sup> initiatives and other opportunities to support the arts in Snoqualmie Valley's economy.
7. **Entrepreneurship** - Support the exploration of entrepreneurship and create opportunities for small business innovation to empower local Snoqualmie Valley small businesses and residents to scale their businesses and thrive economically.
8. **Economic empowerment** - Use creative strategies to empower businesses in all stages from inception to maturity with supportive services to help ensure their success.
9. **Youth career opportunities** - Engage and inspire youth through hands-on learning opportunities with local businesses to support their career readiness, foster life-long-learning, and create tomorrow's entrepreneurs.
10. **Rural infrastructure** - Advocate for the safety and resiliency of state routes SR 202/203. Pursue expansion of rural broadband access across the Snoqualmie Valley Corridor.
11. **Local businesses** - Strengthen local small businesses and enhance the vibrancy of downtowns.

THEREFORE, this Alliance provides a forum for future endeavors such as competitive applications for governmental and private grants. It demonstrates the common interests of all Parties and the Parties' willingness to work together knowing that there is scale in size and scope that individually would be difficult to achieve. This MOU will not be shared in grant applications without the express consent of all the Parties in writing.

FURTHERMORE, there is no commitment (financial, planning, permitting, or otherwise). If the parties involved agree to participate in shared grant applications and are successful in their endeavors, a separate contracting process with the Grantor and Grantees would apply. Let it be known the Alliance has no formal procedures nor a body of decisionmakers. This Alliance is a forum that provides an opportunity for the Parties to coordinate economic development efforts to achieve mutually beneficial interests.

THIS AGREEMENT REMAINS UNTIL December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026. The effective date of this agreement will commence on the date the last Party signs this MOU, however any Party may opt-out at any time by providing written notice to the other Parties involved.

No legal obligation shall attach to any party by reason of entering into this MOU. Further, there are no third-party beneficiaries to this MOU, and this MOU shall not impart any rights enforceable by any person or entity that is not a party hereto.

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<sup>2</sup> Fire, smoke, extreme temperatures, flood, storms etc.

<sup>3</sup> [Office of Economic Opportunity & Creative Economy - King County, Washington](#)

IN WITNESS HEREOF, the Parties hereby agree to this MOU:

**Snoqualmie Indian Tribe**

Name: Bob de los Angeles

Title: Chairman of Snoqualmie Indian Tribe

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Signature: Robert M. De Los Angeles  
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Date: 3/8/2024

**City of Snoqualmie**

Name: Katherine Ross

Title: Mayor of the City of Snoqualmie

Signature: Katherine Ross

Date: 3/27/2024

**City of North Bend**

Name: Mary Miller

Title: Mayor of the City of North Bend

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Signature: Mary Miller  
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Date: 3/25/2024

**City of Carnation**

Name: Jim Ribail

Title: Mayor of the City of Carnation

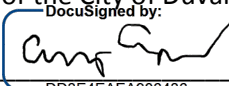
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Date: 3/18/2024

**City of Duvall**

Name: Amy Ockerlander

Title: Mayor of the City of Duvall

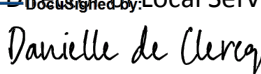
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**King County Department of Local Services**

Name: Danielle de Clercq

Title: Acting Director of Local Services

Signed by:   
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**Appendix A**

**Additional Signatories**

WHEREAS Organizations agree with the Memorandum of Understanding and are willing to participate in Alliance meetings and future endeavors.

WHEREAS Organizations are not Parties but share the interests of the Parties.

THEREFORE, Organizations support this Memorandum of Understanding.

FURTHERMORE, if Organizations agree to participate in shared grant applications with Parties and are successful in their endeavors, a separate contracting process with the Grantor and Grantees would apply.

THIS AGREEMENT REMAINS UNTIL December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Organizations have no impact on the effective date of this agreement and may withdraw support at any time by providing written notice to the Parties.

No legal obligation shall attach to any Organization by reason of supporting this MOU.

Further, there are no third-party beneficiaries to this MOU, and this MOU shall not impart any rights enforceable by any person or entity that is not a Party hereto.

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