



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director
RE: Northwest Clean Air Agency – DIY Air Cleaner Kit Funding Agreement
DATE: MAY 3, 2024

Attached is an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Northwest Clean Air Agency for your review and signature.

- **Background and Purpose**

Through this agreement, Northwest Clean Air Agency will provide funding for the purchase of materials and distribution of DIY air cleaner kits to Whatcom County residents in rural areas who are disproportionately vulnerable to the public health impacts of extreme heat and wildfire smoke. In recent years, public health hazard risk from extreme heat and wildfire smoke has increased in Whatcom County. Community partners including the Deming Library, Project Hope/Lynden Food Bank, and the Opportunity Council will distribute DIY air filter kits with simple and low operational costs. Whatcom County Health and Community Services will develop an assessment plan to help determine the success of this public health intervention.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Northwest Clean Air Agency will provide up to \$3,000 in funding to support this project, 50% of the estimated project costs. Funding will be included in the 2024 budget and Council authorization is required per RCW 39.34.030(2) for agreements between public agencies.

Please contact Sue Sullivan, Environmental Health Manager at 360-778-6026 (SSullivan@co.whatcom.wa.us) if you have any questions.

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