



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Charlene Ramont, Interim Director
RE: Washington State Department of Ecology – Community Litter Cleanup Program Grant Agreement
DATE: JULY 22, 2025

Attached is an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Ecology for your review and signature.

- **Background and Purpose**

The Community Litter Cleanup Program Grant funds the County's activities related to the removal of litter and illegally discarded materials from public lands. Whatcom County has participated in this program since 1998. These funds support the County Public Works Department's Adopt-A-Road Program and correctional work crew response to illegal dumping and litter clean-up along County roads, parks, and beaches.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

This grant provides \$71,400 for the 2025-2027 biennium. These funds are included in the 2025 budget. Council authorization is required per WCC 3.08.060 for grant funding exceeding \$40,000 and per RCW 39.34.030(2) for agreements between public agencies.

- **Differences from Previous Contracts**

This is a new agreement; however, funding for these purposes has been provided through previous agreements since 1998. While grant funding from Ecology often fluctuates, this agreement is reduced by \$41,300 from the agreement that ended on 06/30/2025 (WC Contract #202309018) as the portion of funding that previously funded activities within the City of Bellingham will now be provided directly to the City by Ecology.

Please contact Jennifer Hayden, Environmental Health Supervisor at 360-778-6036 or JHayden@co.whatcom.wa.us if you have any questions.

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