



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director
RE: Washington State Department of Ecology – Community Litter Cleanup Program Grant
DATE: AUGUST 30, 2023

Attached is an interlocal grant 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 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**

The 2023-2025 Agreement provides \$112,700 from the Department of Ecology. Council authorization is required as grant funding exceeds \$40,000 per WCC 3.06.010.

- **Differences from Previous Contracts**

The following revisions are included in this new agreement from the previous agreement ending on 06/30/2023 (WC Contract #202107012):

- a. Task 1 – Task Description
 1. Redefines who may perform cleanup activities including paid litter crews, correctional crews, supervisors, and maintenance staff.
 2. Requires scheduled cleanup coordination in partnership with Washington State Department of Transportation and Ecology Youth Corps.
 3. Defines costs that are eligible and non-eligible for reimbursement.
- b. Task 2 – Task Description
 1. Adds utilization of Ecology's existing materials in the online Litter Prevention Partner Toolkit.
 2. Defines costs that are eligible and non-eligible for reimbursement.

Please contact Jennifer Hayden, Environmental Health Supervisor at 360-778-6036 or Kathleen Roy, Financial & Administrative Manager at 360-778-6007 (KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us), if you have any questions.