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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive and
The Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council

THROUGH: Elizabeth Kosa, Interim Public Works Director

FROM: Cathy Craver, Senior Planner

DATE: March 7, 2023

RE: Amendment to the 2021-2023 Biennial Stormwater Capacity Grant with
the Washington Department of Ecology (Agreement WQSWCAP-2123-
WhCoPW-00156)

Please find attached for your review a copy of an amendment to a grant agreement with the State of Washington Department of Ecology for the 2021-2023 Biennial Stormwater Capacity Grant.

Requested Action

The County Executive entered into a grant agreement with the Washington State Department of Ecology for the 2021-2023 Biennial Stormwater Capacity Grant in the amount of \$50,000 in September 2022. The additional \$25,000 of funding for the Capacity Grant has been released by the Washington State Legislature. Staff requests that the Executive authorizes the amendment for the additional \$25,000 in grant funding to be utilized in the NPDES Program. The total of the grant, and what is shown in the amendment contract, is \$75,000.

Background and Purpose

This is a non-competitive, reimbursable grant through the State of Washington Department of Ecology. The 2021-2023 Biennial Stormwater Capacity Grant can be used to retroactively fund activities associated with the Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit that have incurred since July 1, 2021 through March 31, 2023. The grant is intended to assist municipalities in meeting their Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit requirements. This is the eighth round of non-competitive capacity grant funding offered to Phase II permittees since the initial Permit in 2007.

Funding Amount and Source

The amendment to the original grant agreement is for \$25,000. The grant will be used for expenses encumbered within the NPDES budget (10860.544410).

Please call Cathy Craver at extension 6299 if you have any questions regarding this grant agreement.

Encl.