



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Charlene Ramont, Interim Director

RE: Washington State Department of Ecology – Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance Agreement for Solid Waste Planning and Implementation

DATE: SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

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

- **Background and Purpose**

This Agreement funds operations of the Disposal of Toxics Facility, which is utilized for the proper disposal and recycling of moderate risk waste and three rural waste oil and antifreeze collection stations. An estimated 315,000 pounds of household hazardous waste will be collected and properly managed as a result of these operations. The Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance Agreement (LSWFA) Enforcement Program has been a continuous source of solid waste program funding since 1996.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

This 2025-2027 agreement provides \$542,845 in Ecology funds to be matched with \$180,948.33 in local funds from the Solid Waste Disposal Tax. These funds are included in the 2025 budget. Council authorization is required per RCW 39.34.030(2) for agreements between public agencies.

- **Differences from Previous Contracts**

This is a new agreement without any significant revisions from the agreement ending on 06/30/2025 (WC Contract #202309016).

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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