



# MEMORANDUM

**To:** Whatcom County Executive Satpal Sidhu  
**From:** Jake Logan, Administrative Services Coordinator – Executive Staff  
**Subject:** Economic Development Investment Program Interlocal Grant Agreement with Maple Falls Water Cooperative - Water Storage Tank Replacement  
**Date:** October 28, 2025

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Enclosed is one (1) original of an Interlocal Grant Agreement (Contract No. 202510037) between Whatcom County and Maple Falls Water Cooperative for your review and signature.

## Background and Purpose

This agreement provides EDI funding to replace a decommissioned 30,000-gallon water storage tank (built in 1967) with a new 47,000-gallon reinforced concrete tank for the Maple Falls Water Cooperative. The existing tank was removed from service due to concrete failure, leaving the community with inadequate water storage and fire flow capacity that fails to meet Whatcom County Fire Marshal standards. This infrastructure deficiency has restricted both residential and commercial development in the area, as the system cannot satisfy current building and fire code requirements.

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## Funding Amount and Source

The County will provide a \$555,300 grant from the Whatcom County Public Utilities Improvement Fund (EDI Fund), authorized under RCW 82.14.370. The total project cost is \$617,000, with the Cooperative contributing \$61,700 (10% local match) through existing reserve funds and project surcharges on monthly membership fees. Grant funds will be disbursed on a reimbursement basis as the Cooperative submits invoices with receipts to the County Executive's Office, with warrants issued within 30 days. The project will replace a decommissioned 30,000-gallon tank with a new 47,000-gallon reinforced concrete tank, restoring adequate water storage and fire flow capacity to meet current building and fire code requirements.