



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive  
**FROM:** Erika Lautenbach, Director  
**RE:** Washington State Department of Ecology – 2021-2023 Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance Agreement for Planning and Implementation  
**DATE:** September 1, 2021

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Attached is an Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) for your review and signature.

### ■ Background and Purpose

The Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance Agreement (LSWFA) Enforcement Program (formerly known as the Coordinated Prevention Grant) has been a continuous source of solid waste program funding since 1996. This Agreement funds operations of the Disposal of Toxics Facility, which is utilized for the proper disposal and recycling of moderate risk wastes and three rural waste oil and antifreeze collection stations. An estimated 680,232 pounds of household hazardous waste will be handled properly as a result of these operations.

### ■ Funding Amount and Source

The 2021-2023 Agreement provides \$549,626 in DOE funds to be matched with \$183,208.67 in local funds from the Solid Waste Disposal Tax. These funds are included in the 2021 budget. Council approval is required per RCW 39.34.030(2) for agreements between public agencies.

### ■ Differences between Previous Contracts

Over the previous 2-year Agreement that ended on 6/30/2021 (201907030), this 2-year Agreement:

1. Increases DOE's contribution by \$353,522.50 and the County's match by \$117,840.84. Funding over the last few grant cycles was significantly decreased due to the legislature decreasing funding to Ecology. In the current budget cycle, the legislature approved a large increase resulting in counties now receiving close to the amount of funding they've received in the past.
2. Acknowledgement that Whatcom County is participating in the PaintCare product stewardship program and this grant does not cover the costs at collection events where expenses are covered by PaintCare.
3. Requires that grant recipient employees will provide technical assistance and promote the program through education and outreach activities.
4. Distinguishes eligible and non-eligible reimbursement costs.
5. Requires 9,000 grant recipient employee hours charged to implement Task Work.
6. Coordination of a review and update to the Whatcom County Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan with the Whatcom Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

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