



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Charlene Ramont, Interim Director

RE: Washington State Department of Ecology – Pollution Prevention Assistance Grant Agreement

DATE: JULY 17, 2025

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

- **Background and Purpose**

The Pollution Prevention Assistance (PPA) Partnership, which is overseen by the Washington State Department of Ecology's Hazardous Waste and Toxics Reduction Program, provides support to local government efforts in the Puget Sound Region to control, reduce, and eliminate toxic pollution sources. This grant provides funding for Whatcom County Health and Community Services' PPA Specialists to provide technical assistance and education outreach to small businesses in an effort to promote prevention practices and protect Puget Sound marine water quality.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

This grant provides \$308,750 for the 2025-2027 biennium. These funds are included in the 2025 budget. Council authorization is required per WCC 3.08.060 for grant funding exceeding \$40,000 and per RCW 39.34.030(2) for agreements between public agencies.

- **Differences from Previous Contracts**

This is a new agreement; however, funding for these purposes has been provided through previous agreements since 2011 and this agreement includes no significant revisions from the agreement that ended on 06/30/2025 (WC Contract #202307037).

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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