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TO: Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive, and the Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council, collectively serving in their capacity as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors

THROUGH: Elizabeth Kosa, Public Works Director

FROM: Julie Anderson, River and Flood Manager *JMA*
Gary Stoyka, Natural Resources Program Manager

DATE: November 21, 2025

RE: Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Home Elevation Project Agreement Amendments for/relating to HMGP 4635-01-DR Elevation Grant

Enclosed for your review are the Whatcom County Flood Control Zond District (FCZD) Home Elevation Project Agreement Amendments between the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District and the homeowners participating in the HMGP 4635-01-DR Elevation Grant.

Proposed Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Executive, acting for the FCZD Board of Supervisors, execute amendments to the agreements with the homeowners participating in the HMGP 4635-01-DR Elevation Grant. To avoid delays, when the HMGP 4635-01-DR Grant Agreement was approved by the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors, we requested a separate motion authorizing the Executive to execute agreements with the property owners, which was approved.

Background and Purpose

The original Home Elevation Project Agreements between the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District and participating homeowners need to be amended due to the recent availability of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, awarded by the Department of Commerce on October 27, 2025. This CDBG grant will cover the 5% cost share previously required from homeowners, as well as any project cost overruns. Since construction costs have risen significantly since the HMGP 4635-01-DR grant was awarded, most elevation projects now exceed their original budgets. Fortunately, these additional costs can be covered using surplus funds from projects that withdrew from the grant and from additional State funding that was recently requested.

Funding Amount and Source

The enclosed amendments total \$449,543.85 in additional expenditure. Because this is pass-through grant funding, the FCZD has no net expenditure associated with the execution of the project agreements.

Please contact Julie Anderson at extension 6258 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

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