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**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive  
**FROM:** Erika Lautenbach, Director  
**RE:** Puget Sound Partnership – Onsite Sewage Systems Action Plan  
**DATE:** MARCH 10, 2025

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Attached is a grant agreement between Whatcom County and Puget Sound Partnership for your review and signature.

- **Background and Purpose**

This agreement provides funding to implement a program that supports the health and sustainability of Onsite Septic Systems (OSS) in Whatcom County. The Program will offer financial rebates to property owners who comply with annual system evaluations and maintenance, and to qualified service providers who conduct inspections for low-income or disadvantaged property owners. Puget Sound Partnership is the state agency leading the region's collective effort to restore and protect Puget Sound.

As Whatcom County Public Works administers the (OSS) rebate program through its Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) Program, Whatcom County Health and Community Services will pass this funding through an interfund transfer to Public Works.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Puget Sound Partnership will reimburse Whatcom County in an amount not to exceed \$182,310 for the deliverables described in this agreement. These funds will be included in the 2025 budget. Council authorization is required per WCC 3.06.010 as grant funding exceeds \$40,000

Please contact Hayli Hruza, Environmental Health Supervisor at 360-778-6074 ([HHruza@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:HHruza@co.whatcom.wa.us)) if you have any questions.

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