

**WHATCOM COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors

THROUGH: Elizabeth Kosa, Public Works Director *ek*

FROM: Gary Stoyka, Natural Resources Manager *gs*
Julie Anderson, River and Flood Manager *JA*

RE: CDBG-DR Resiliency Planning Grant Agreement with Washington State Department of Commerce

DATE: June 3, 2025

Enclosed is a grant agreement between the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District (FCZD) and the Washington State Department of Commerce for your review and signature.

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the FCZD Board of Supervisors authorize the County Executive to enter into a Grant Agreement between the FCZD and the Washington State Department of Commerce to provide funding for flood mitigation planning in Sumas, Nooksack and Everson.

Background and Purpose

Whatcom County FCZD and the Floodplain Integrated Planning (FLIP) team is engaged in an on-going effort to implement and update the Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan. The intent of this funding is to advance two important objectives of the FCZD flood hazard reduction program:

- 1) To determine the feasibility of the Everson and Nooksack berms and understand the tasks and funding needed to implement the project
- 2) To develop future flood mitigation measures to lead the City of Sumas to become a flood-resilient community.

Funding Amount and Source

The total cost of this grant agreement is \$1,310,000 with \$1,310,000 (100%) provided by the Department of Commerce and no match required by the FCZD. A supplemental budget request will be required to incorporate this work into the 2025 budget.

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