



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: Washington State Department of Ecology – Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance Agreement for Solid Waste Planning & Implementation

DATE: AUGUST 15, 2023

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

▪ **Background and Purpose**

The Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance Agreement (LSWFA) Planning & Implementation Program 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 waste and three rural waste oil and antifreeze collection stations. An estimated 315,000 pounds of household hazardous waste will be collected and properly managed as a result of these operations.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

The 2023-2025 Agreement provides \$540,857.50 in Ecology funds to be matched with \$180,285.83 in local funds from the Solid Waste Disposal Tax. These funds are included in the 2023 budget. Council authorization is required per RCW 39.34.030(2) for agreements between public agencies.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contracts**

The following revisions are included in this new Agreement from the previous agreement (WC Contract #202109027):

- The estimated number of pounds of household hazardous waste collected and properly managed decreases by 365,232 pounds, as the amount awarded by Ecology was less in this grant cycle than the last one.
- Removes funding and responsibilities for updating the Local Solid Waste Management Plan which was completed during the previous agreement period.

Please contact Jennifer Hayden, Environmental Health Supervisor at 360-778-6036 (JHayden@co.whatcom.wa.us) or Kathleen Roy, Financial & Administrative Manager at 360-778-6007 (KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us), if you have any questions.