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TO: The Honorable Whatcom County Council
The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive

THROUGH: Jon Hutchings, Public Works Director

FROM: Cathy Craver, Senior Planner

DATE: September 9, 2022

RE: 2021-2023 Biennial Stormwater Capacity Grant with the Washington Department of Ecology (Agreement WQSWCAP-2123-WhCoPW-00156)

Please find attached for your review a copy of a grant agreement with the State of Washington Department of Ecology for the 2021-2023 Biennial Stormwater Capacity Grant.

▪ **Requested Action**

Public Works requests the Whatcom County Council authorize the County Executive to enter into a grant agreement with the Washington State Department of Ecology for the 2021-2023 Biennial Stormwater Capacity Grant in the amount of \$50,000.

Secondly, the Washington State Legislature has authorized an additional \$25,000 of funding for this grant that will be awarded to Whatcom County after this agreement has been signed. The date for the legislature to release the funds has not been announced, but a \$25,000 amendment to this agreement will be forwarded to the Executive when the funds have been authorized.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

This is a non-competitive, reimbursable grant through the State of Washington Department of Ecology. The 2021-2023 Biennial Stormwater Capacity Grant can be used to retroactively fund activities associated with the Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit that have incurred since July 1, 2021 through March 31, 2023.

The grant is intended to assist municipalities in meeting their Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit requirements. This is the eighth round of non-competitive capacity grant funding offered to Phase II permittees since the initial Permit in 2007.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

The initial agreement will be for \$50,000. The anticipated amendment to the agreement will be for \$25,000. The grant will be used for expenses encumbered within the NPDES budget (10860.544410).

Please call Cathy Craver at extension 6299 if you have any questions regarding this grant agreement.

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