



# M E M O R A N D U M

**TO:** The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive, for the  
Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors

**THROUGH:** Elizabeth Kosa, Public Works Director

**FROM:** Paula J. Harris, P.E., River and Flood Manager *PJH*  
Gary Stoyka, Natural Resources Program Manager *GS*

**DATE:** November 3, 2023

**RE:** Interlocal Agreement with City of Everson for Acquisition of Floodplain Properties  
for Hazard Mitigation

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Enclosed is an Interlocal (ILA) agreement between the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District (FCZD) and the City of Everson (City) for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

In response to the November 2021 flooding, the FCZD applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding to acquire twelve (12) properties that were substantially damaged during the flood. Four (4) of these properties are located within the City. The HMGP grant requires a 5% local match which is being paid for with Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding through a Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR). This ILA establishes the responsibilities for the FCZD and the City related to implementation of the HMGP grant agreement for acquisition of the four properties within the City. The HMGP grant was submitted to the Board of Supervisors at the November 21, 2023 Board meeting.

Once the four properties are acquired and demolition of structures is complete, the FCZD will transfer the titles of the properties to the City, subject to the grant requirements. Deed restrictions recorded on the title will ensure the properties are maintained in open space for perpetuity. The City will be responsible for maintaining and monitoring the properties to ensure they are compliant with the deed restrictions and for ongoing reporting to the grant agency to ensure that the requirements are being met.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

The FCZD will administer the HMGP grant and coordinate for the CDBG-DR reimbursement to implement the project scope. The project expenses will be fully reimbursed between the two grants so no additional funding is associated with the agreement.

Please contact Paula Harris at extension 6285 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

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