

Supplemental Budget Request

Public Works

Flood Control Zone District

Suppl ID # 5449

Fund 1908 **Cost Center** 19082362 **Originator:** Gary Stoyka

Expenditure Type: One-Time **Year 2** 2026 **Add'l FTE** **Add'l Space** **Priority** 1

Name of Request: Floodplains by Design Acquisition

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Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission)		Date

Costs:	Object	Object Description	Amount Requested
	4334.0311	DE-SEAFBD	(\$139,854)
	7320	Land	\$174,818
	Request Total		\$34,964

1a. Description of request:

In 2022, Whatcom County entered into a grant agreement the Washington Department of Ecology under the Floodplains by Design grant program (County Contract #202205009). A part of this agreement was for the acquisition of properties in flood prone areas. Staff was not able to complete several acquisitions that were included in the 2025 flood budget before the end of the year. Staff anticipates completing these acquisitions in 2026. This supplemental budget request is to move that budget authority to the 2026 budget so that these acquisitions can be completed.

1b. Primary customers:

Targeted property owners located in flood prone areas.

2. Problem to be solved:

The Public Works Department River and Flood Division has been implementing its property acquisition program to acquire key properties located in flood prone areas from willing landowners to reduce future flood risk. This program is funded in part by a 2021 Floodplains by Design grant agreement with the Department of Ecology. Staff was not able to complete several acquisitions that were included in the 2025 flood budget before the end of the year. Staff anticipates completing these acquisitions in 2026. This supplemental budget request is to move that budget authority to the 2026 budget so that these acquisitions can be completed.

3a. Options / Advantages:

This supplemental budget request will allow the County, through the Flood Control Zone District to complete key acquisitions and fulfill the requirements of the grant agreement.

3b. Cost savings:

This work is grant funded.

4a. Outcomes:

Key properties will be acquired and grant obligations will be fulfilled.

4b. Measures:

Properties will be purchased.

5a. Other Departments/Agencies:

N/A

5b. Name the person in charge of implementation and what they are responsible for:

N/A

6. Funding Source:

Washington Department of Ecology grant funds