



## MEMORANDUM

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

THROUGH: Elizabeth Kosa, Public Works Director *ek*

FROM: Julie Anderson, River and Flood Manager *JMA*  
Gary Stoyka, Natural Resources Manager *GS*

RE: Nooksack Indian Tribe – Cost Reimbursement Agreement – Amendment No. 1  
Funding Support for Participation in the FLIP Planning Process (Project No. 19082351)

DATE: June 6, 2025

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Enclosed is a cost reimbursement agreement amendment between the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District (FCZD) and the Nooksack Indian Tribe (NIT) for your review and signature.

### Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Executive and Council, acting as the FCZD Board of Supervisors, approve an amendment to this Cost Reimbursement Agreement with the NIT to increase budget for participation in the Floodplain Integrated Planning (FLIP) process including participation on the FLIP Steering Committee, FLIP Team, and FLIP Reach Teams.

### Background and Purpose

The NIT has participated in the FLIP planning process since it began in 2017. The FCZD was awarded '21-'23 biennium and '23-'25 biennium Floodplains by Design (FbD) grants from the Department of Ecology for the Nooksack River: Floodplains that Work – Phase 2 and Phase 3 projects, respectively, that includes funding to support participation of NIT staff in the FLIP planning process (Grant No. SEAFBD-2123-WhCoPW-00014 and SEAFBD-2325-WhCoPW-00054). Both grants expire on June 30, 2027.

A cost reimbursement agreement with the NIT was executed on January 23, 2023 in the amount of \$24,000 to compensate NIT for their staff time supporting the FLIP. The proposed amendment increases the total contracted amount to \$88,000. The additional \$64,000 will cover NIT's time on the FLIPSC through the term of the grant contracts, which expire on June 30, 2027. All other terms and conditions of the original contract shall remain in full force and effect. The '21-'23 and '23-'25 FbD grants require a 20% local match.

### Funding Amount and Source

This cost reimbursement agreement amendment proposes to add \$64,000 to the original contract amount for a total contract amount of \$88,000. This amount will be reimbursed by the '21-'23 or '23-'25 FbD grants and the 20% match (of \$110,000) will be provided by the NIT.

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