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

THROUGH: Elizabeth Kosa, Public Works Director *EK*

FROM: Cathy Craver, Senior Planner

DATE: January 9, 2026 *CC*

RE: 2025-2027 Biennial Stormwater Capacity Grant with the Washington Department of Ecology
(Agreement WQSWCAP-2527-WhCoPW-00215)

Please find attached for your review a copy of a grant agreement with the State of Washington Department of Ecology for the 2025-2027 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 2025-2027 Biennial Stormwater Capacity Grant in the amount of \$120,000.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

This is a non-competitive, reimbursable grant through the State of Washington Department of Ecology. The 2025-2027 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, 2025 through March 31, 2027.

The grant is intended to assist municipalities in meeting their Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit requirements. This grant funding has been offered to Phase II permittees since the initial Permit in 2007.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

The agreement will be for \$120,000, and will be used for expenses encumbered within the NPDES budget (19008007.54440).

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

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