

# Exhibit A

## Supplemental Budget Request

**Public Works**

**Natural Resources**

Suppl ID # 4570

Fund 169

Cost Center 823004

Originator: Gary Stoyka

Expenditure Type: One-Time

Year 2 2024

Add'l FTE

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Priority 1

**Name of Request: HSIL Culvert Grant Implementation 2024**

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*By Randy Rydel at 10:05 am, Feb 12, 2024*

**Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission)**

**Date**

Costs:	<b>Object</b>	<b>Object Description</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
	4333.6612	Puget Sound Watershed Grant	(\$564,477)
	6320	Office & Op Supplies	\$5,000
	6630	Professional Services	\$240,000
	6699	Other Services-Interfund	\$267,817
	6780	Travel-Educ/Training	\$1,260
	7210	Intergov Prof Svcs	\$50,400
	<b>Request Total</b>		<b>\$0</b>

**1a. Description of request:**

Whatcom County has been awarded a grant to expedite WRIA 1 fish passage barrier remediation. This work includes coordinating prioritization with other WRIA 1 partners, coordinating fish passage and habitat assessment training, completing pre-design for 5 priority fish passage barriers, and sharing project information with community members and other professionals in the Puget Sound region. This budget amendment will provide authority to implement this grant agreement.

**1b. Primary customers:**

PW-Roads division, tribes, WDFW, WRIA 1 Watershed Management Board

**2. Problem to be solved:**

The WRIA1 Salmonid Recovery Plan guides recovery of ESA listed Chinook salmon, steelhead, bull trout and other salmonids in the Nooksack River and adjacent coastal streams. One component of the plan is correcting fish passage barriers that block access to tributary, floodplain and estuarine habitats. Whatcom County has entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Lummi and Nooksack Tribes and WDFW stipulating how the county will correct these barriers. In response, Whatcom County is in the process of creating a fish passage barrier removal group to expedite this work. The County has been awarded a grant to facilitate this work.

**3a. Options / Advantages:**

This grant agreement provides funding to implement fish passage barrier removal with no match required.

**3b. Cost savings:**

This grant agreement provides funding to implement fish passage barrier removal with no match required.

**4a. Outcomes:**

Whatcom County will coordinate prioritization with other WRIA 1 partners, coordinate fish passage and habitat assessment training, complete pre-design for 5 priority fish passage barriers, and share project information with community members and other professionals in the Puget Sound region by December 30, 2025.

**4b. Measures:**

The work described above will be completed and grant deliverables will be provided to the granting agency.

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**5a. Other Departments/Agencies:**

This work will required coordination with the Lummi Nation, Nooksack Tribe, and WDFW.

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

**6. Funding Source:**

USEPA National Estuary Program Grant (C# 202401021)