

**WHATCOM COUNTY CONTRACT  
INFORMATION SHEET**

Whatcom County Contract No.  
**202604018**

Originating Department:	Public Works
Division/Program: <i>(i.e. Dept, Division and Program)</i>	River and Flood / 907525 Planning
Contract or Grant Administrator:	Paula Harris
Contractor's / Agency Name:	Department of Ecology
Is this a New Contract?    If not, is this an Amendment or Renewal to an Existing Contract?    Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/>	
Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> If Amendment or Renewal, (per WCC 3.08.100 (a)) Original Contract #: _____	
Does contract require Council Approval?    Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> If No, include WCC: _____	
Already approved? Council Approved Date: _____ (Exclusions see: Whatcom County Codes 3.06.010, 3.08.090 and 3.08.100)	
Is this a grant agreement?    Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> If yes, grantor agency contract number(s): <u>OTGP-2527-WhCoPW-000xx</u> CFDA#: _____	
Is this contract grant funded?    Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> If yes, Whatcom County grant contract number(s): _____	
Is this contract the result of a RFP or Bid process?    Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> If yes, RFP and Bid number(s): _____    Contract Cost Center: <u>19082247</u>	
Is this agreement excluded from E-Verify?    No <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> If no, include Attachment D Contractor Declaration form.	
If YES, indicate exclusion(s) below:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional services agreement for certified/licensed professional. <input type="checkbox"/> Goods and services provided due to an emergency	
<input type="checkbox"/> Contract work is for less than \$100,000. <input type="checkbox"/> Contract for Commercial off the shelf items (COTS).	
<input type="checkbox"/> Contract work is for less than 120 days. <input type="checkbox"/> Work related subcontract less than \$25,000.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interlocal Agreement (between Governments). <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works - Local Agency/Federally Funded FHWA.	
Contract Amount:(sum of original contract amount and any prior amendments): \$ <u>2,738,000</u>	Council approval required for; all property leases, contracts or bid awards <b>exceeding \$40,000</b> , and professional service contract amendments that have an increase greater than \$10,000 or 10% of contract amount, whichever is greater, <b>except when:</b>
This Amendment Amount: \$ _____	1. Exercising an option contained in a contract previously approved by the council.
Total Amended Amount: \$ <u>2,738,000</u>	2. Contract is for design, construction, r-o-w acquisition, prof. services, or other capital costs approved by council in a capital budget appropriation ordinance.
	3. Bid or award is for supplies.
	4. Equipment is included in Exhibit "B" of the Budget Ordinance.
	5. Contract is for manufacturer's technical support and hardware maintenance of electronic systems and/or technical support and software maintenance from the developer of proprietary software currently used by Whatcom County.
<b>Summary of Scope:</b>	
The grant provides funding to advance the planning work necessary to evaluate and implement flood mitigation alternatives for the Lower Nooksack River and the Everson-Sumas overflow corridor. This work includes aligning stakeholders and securing buy-in to advance the "Widen the Everson Corridor" concept including early action projects in support of the larger project. It also provides funding to support technical and policy engagement in the Transboundary Flood Initiative and public outreach.	
Term of Contract: <u>7/1/2025</u>	Expiration Date: <u>6/30/2027</u>

Contract Routing:	1. Prepared by: <u>Julie Anderson</u>	Date: <u>2/12/26</u>
	2. Attorney signoff: <u>Tom Seguire</u>	Date: <u>3/27/26</u>
	3. AS Finance reviewed: <u>M Caldwell</u>	Date: <u>3.25.26</u>
	4. IT reviewed (if IT related): _____	Date: _____
	5. Contractor signed: _____	Date: _____
	6. Executive contract review: _____ <b>FW</b>	Date: <u>4/21/2026</u>
	7. Council approved, if necessary: <u>AB2026-277</u>	Date: <u>4.14.26</u>
	8. Executive signed: _____	Date: <u>4/22/2026</u>
	9. Original to Council: _____	Date: _____

**WHATCOM COUNTY  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**Elizabeth Kosa  
DIRECTOR**



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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive, and the Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council, collectively serving in their capacity as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors

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

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

**DATE:** March 27, 2026

**RE:** Grant Agreement with Department of Ecology for Floodplain Integrated Planning Support

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Enclosed is a grant agreement between the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District (FCZD) and the Department of Ecology (Ecology) for your review and signature.

▪ **Proposed Action**

Review and sign the Department of Ecology OTGP-2025-WhCoPW-000xx Proviso Grant Agreement (Agreement) for the 2025-27 biennium advancing the Nooksack Floodplain Integrated Planning (FLIP) process.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

In response to the November 2021 floods, the State legislature included a budget proviso in the 2022 supplemental budget to fund the Floodplain Integrated Planning (FLIP) process. The State legislature has maintained this support into the 2025-27 biennium through a new budget proviso.

The grant provides funding to: (1) advance the planning work necessary to evaluate and implement flood mitigation alternatives that provide multi-benefit solutions on the Lower Nooksack River and for the Everson Overflow Corridor; and (2) advance efforts towards completion of an Integrated Floodplain Management Plan (IFMP). This work includes aligning stakeholders and securing buy-in to move forward with the "Widen the Everson Corridor" concept, including early action projects in support of the larger project; technical and policy support for the Transboundary Flood Initiative (TFI) collaborative process; and public outreach and engagement of the FLIP process.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

The proposed grant agreement provides \$2,738,000 of State funding and requires no match.

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

Encl.



DEPARTMENT OF  
**ECOLOGY**  
State of Washington

**WHATCOM COUNTY  
CONTRACT NO.  
202604018**

## Agreement No. OTGP-2026-WhCoPW-00122

### ONE TIME GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENT

#### BETWEEN

**THE STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY**

#### AND

**WHATCOM COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT / WHATCOM COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS**

This is a binding Agreement entered into by and between the state of Washington, Department of Ecology, hereinafter referred to as "ECOLOGY," and Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District / Whatcom County Public Works, hereinafter referred to as the "RECIPIENT," to carry out with the provided funds activities described herein.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

Project Title:	Nooksack Floodplain Integrated Planning Support
Total Cost:	\$2,738,000.00
Total Eligible Cost:	\$2,738,000.00
Ecology Share:	\$2,738,000.00
Recipient Share:	\$0.00
The Effective Date of this Agreement is:	07/01/2025
The Expiration Date of this Agreement is no later than:	06/30/2027
Project Type:	Ecology Grant

#### Project Short Description:

The Nooksack Floodplain Integrated Planning (FLIP) process is a collaborative effort to design long-term, locally based flood solutions that protect communities, agriculture, and critical public infrastructure while enhancing fish habitat. The work encompasses technical analyses of river geomorphic change, inclusive process facilitation, community outreach, partner coordination across the FLIP Team, and support for the Nooksack-Sumas Transboundary Flood Initiative (TFI) collaborative process.

#### Project Long Description:

In November 2021, flooding in the Nooksack River (River) basin damaged thousands of homes and businesses, and cut cities and the Lummi Nation Reservation off from essential services for days. River floodwaters also flowed north causing widespread flood damage in Abbotsford, British Columbia, Canada. Impacts resulted in the creation of the Nooksack-Sumas Transboundary Flood Initiative (TFI), a collaborative agreement signed by nine governments, to identify and pursue flood risk reduction for collective benefit. This agreement will

advance efforts towards the completion of an Integrated Floodplain Management Plan (IFMP) that informs actions and increases coordination among key partners.

A. FLIP Process Support. Advance the key technical studies, reach scale planning and engagement work, and process documentation needed to develop integrated flood hazard reduction and habitat enhancement strategies for the lower River mainstem and apply them to all reaches.

### 1. Technical work

- i. Finalize the hydraulic and sediment modeling reports to address comments provided by the FLIP Steering Committee (FLIPSC).
- ii. Conduct a river corridor width analysis to determine channel narrowing mechanisms and identify management implications in each reach.
- iii. Complete analysis of infrastructure impacts for each reach at different flow rates to guide in developing a management strategy for addressing the flow split at Everson.
- iv. Develop a preferred conceptual design for the “Widen the Everson Corridor” project that addresses geomorphic response over time, and the expected flood or habitat benefit of the chosen alternative.
- v. Perform additional sediment and hydraulic modeling and analysis to reduce uncertainties identified in the “Widen the Everson Corridor” project and address limitations associated with past models.
- vi. Conduct LIDAR and/or a boat-based survey to update river bathymetric data.
- vii. Assess opportunities to improve flood forecasting by performing additional gaging investigations at the USGS Cedarville gage.

### 2. TFI coordination

- i. Attend TFI meetings and support cross-border collaboration efforts by helping integrate information developed through the FLIP process into the TFI workflow.

### 3. FLIP planning

- i. Engage and facilitate design charrettes/ meetings with the FLIPSC, FLIP Team, FLIP Reach Teams, and/or other stakeholder/decision maker groups as the work progresses.
- ii. Develop and maintain an internal SharePoint site of presentations and resources to document progress and support program development.
- iii. Maintain and enhance mapping platform to facilitate engagement and local flood risk reduction and habitat planning.
- iv. Build agreement on FLIP’s core strategies and development of an IFMP through the coordination and facilitation of FLIPSC meetings.

B. Partner Coordination and Outreach development. Facilitate and coordinate FLIP partners, and support the development of communication products that build awareness amongst a broad coalition of stakeholders, to build long-term support for implementation of the IFMP.

1. Engage and facilitate the FLIPSC and FLIPSC working groups including the Sediment Water and Geomorphology Group (a work group of academic, agency and consultant technical experts working to advance sediment modeling in the Lower River mainstem) and the Land Use Group (a subgroup of the FLIPSC working to address a broad range of land use issues in Whatcom County) to develop a comprehensive flood management

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strategy that incorporates both river geomorphology and land use policies.

2. Build broad alliances and awareness amongst diverse stakeholders and tribes, and coordinate with FLIPSC partners, to build a shared vision for the River and support for future implementation of the IFMP.

3. Develop and implement a strategic communications plan to build broad awareness of flood risk and river processes, and build support for integrated strategies in the Nooksack and Sumas basins.

Overall Goal:

To build integrated flood and habitat projects in the Nooksack and Sumas basins that will reduce flood risk, support small cities, tribes, and the agriculture community, and build resilience in the face of climate change and extreme weather events. The technical work, planning and engagement, and project development will lead to an IFMP for the Nooksack and Sumas basins.

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**RECIPIENT INFORMATION**

Organization Name: Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District / Whatcom County Public Works

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 UEI Number: NT6RMN8THTN7

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**Contacts**

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<p><b>Billing Contact</b></p>	<p>Julia Bilderback</p> <p>322 N. Commercial Street, 4th Floor                  Bellingham, Washington 98225                  Email: jbilderb@co.whatcom.wa.us                  Phone: (360) 778-6208</p>
<p><b>Authorized Signatory</b></p>	<p>Satpal Singh Sidhu                  County Executive</p> <p>311 Grand Avenue, Suite 108                  Bellingham, Washington 98225                  Email: ssidhu@co.whatcom.wa.us                  Phone: (360) 778-5200</p>

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**ECOLOGY INFORMATION**

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**Contacts**

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<b>Financial Manager</b>	<p>Layne Slone Financial Manager</p> <p>PO Box 47600 Olympia, Washington 98504-7600 Email: lnak461@ecy.wa.gov Phone: (360) 867-8171</p>

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**AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES**

RECIPIENT agrees to furnish the necessary personnel, equipment, materials, services, and otherwise do all things necessary for or incidental to the performance of work as set forth in this Agreement.

RECIPIENT acknowledges that they had the opportunity to review the entire Agreement, including all the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Scope of Work, attachments, and incorporated or referenced documents, as well as all applicable laws, statutes, rules, regulations, and guidelines mentioned in this Agreement. Furthermore, the RECIPIENT has read, understood, and accepts all requirements contained within this Agreement.

This Agreement contains the entire understanding between the parties, and there are no other understandings or representations other than as set forth, or incorporated by reference, herein.

No subsequent modifications or amendments to this agreement will be of any force or effect unless in writing, signed by authorized representatives of the RECIPIENT and ECOLOGY and made a part of this agreement. ECOLOGY and RECIPIENT may change their respective staff contacts without the concurrence of either party.

This Agreement shall be subject to the written approval of Ecology’s authorized representative and shall not be binding until so approved.

The signatories to this Agreement represent that they have the authority to execute this Agreement and bind their respective organizations to this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: the parties hereto, having read this Agreement in its entirety, including all attachments, do agree in each and every particular and have thus set their hands hereunto.

Washington State  
Department of Ecology

Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District /  
Whatcom County Public Works

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By: Bridget Talebi 4/22/2026  
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DocuSigned by:  
By: Satpal Singh Sidhu 4/22/2026  
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Joenne McGerr Date  
Shorelands  
Program Manager

Satpal Singh Sidhu Date  
County Executive

Template Approved to Form by  
Attorney General's Office

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Thomas Seguire

Signed by:  
  
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4/21/2026

Chief Prosecuting Attorney – Civil  
Division

Date

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**SCOPE OF WORK**

Task Number: 1 **Task Cost: \$25,000.00**

Task Title: 1. Grant Administration and Project Management

Task Description:

The RECIPIENT will provide grant administration and project management in accordance with the grant program Funding Guidelines, Administrative Requirements for Recipients of Ecology Grants and Loans (Yellow Book), Agreement Terms and Conditions, and laws and regulations.

A. Grant administration. The RECIPIENT’s responsibilities to administer the grant include, but are not limited to: retaining and maintaining grant agreement and grant amendment records; submitting grant deliverables as specified in the scope of work tasks and the dates outlined in the Deliverable Due Dates form; submitting complete and timely quarterly and final Payment Requests/Progress Reports (PRPRs) and corresponding backup documentation; timely submittal of a complete Recipient Close Out Report (RCOR) at grant close out; timely responses to any and all other communications and requests from ECOLOGY for information about the grant.

B. Project management. The RECIPIENT’s responsibilities to manage the project include, but are not limited to conducting, coordinating, and scheduling project activities; and assuring quality control. The RECIPIENT must make every reasonable effort to maintain effective communication with ECOLOGY as well as with all other affected local, state, federal, and tribal jurisdictions; and any interested individuals or groups. In the event that the RECIPIENT elects to use a contractor to complete project elements, the RECIPIENT shall retain responsibility for the oversight and management of this funding agreement.

Task Goal Statement:

Properly managed grant agreement that meets the grant program Funding Guidelines, Administrative Requirements for Recipients of Ecology Grants and Loans (Yellow Book), Agreement Terms and Conditions, and applicable laws and regulations.

Task Expected Outcome:

Properly maintained grant and project documentation. Timely and complete responses to ECOLOGY communications and requests for information about the project.

Recipient Task Coordinator: Paula Harris

**1. Grant Administration and Project Management**

**Deliverables**

Number	Description	Due Date
1.1	Payment Requests/Progress Reports (PRPR)	
1.2	Recipient Close Out Report (RCOR)	06/30/2027

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**SCOPE OF WORK**

Task Number: 2 **Task Cost:** \$2,263,000.00

Task Title: 2. FLIP Process Support

Task Description:

The RECIPIENT will advance the technical, reach scale planning, engagement, and outreach work to develop integrated flood hazard risk reduction and habitat enhancement strategies for the lower Nooksack River mainstem and the Sumas watershed. This task will integrate the results of scientific studies into reach-scale strategies in collaboration with the FLIP Reach Teams, stakeholders, and Tribes. FLIP will develop a detailed outline for the IFMP, which will serve as guidance for drafting chapters of the IFMP.

The RECIPIENT will:

A. FLIP technical work:

1. Hire contractors. Services will be secured in accordance with the RECIPIENT or State of Washington procurement procedures.
2. Complete a Hydraulic and Hydrologic Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) and meet the requirements in section 12. of the Agreement General Terms and Conditions. The RECIPIENT will:
  - a. Provide ECOLOGY with a draft QAPP.
  - b. Revise the QAPP to reflect ECOLOGY’s comments.
  - c. Finalize the QAPP for ECOLOGY approval.
3. Complete final versions of the hydraulic and sediment modeling reports which will address comments provided by the FLIPSC.
4. Complete final report documenting the river corridor width analysis for all lower River reaches, summarizing channel narrowing mechanisms and implications on river management for use in the detailed reach planning.
5. Complete a technical memorandum (Flow Impact Threshold Analysis) documenting the methods, results, and associated GIS mapping that illustrates infrastructure impacts by reach for different flow rates.
6. Complete a technical memorandum that documents the preferred conceptual design for the “Widen the Everson Corridor” project. Report will include an evaluation of the geomorphic response and the flood hazard risk reduction and habitat enhancement implications of alternative layouts.
7. Complete a summary report, in close coordination with the consultant team and the SWAG Team, to update sediment analysis results from the “Widen the Everson Corridor” project conducted by the University of Washington (UW).
8. Complete a technical memo documenting the data collection process and results of a LIDAR and/or boat-based survey for bathymetric data.

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9. Complete a report documenting results of the gaging investigation aimed at improving the ability of the USGS to estimate River flows using the gage at Cedarville.

B. TFI Coordination:

1. Submit updated presentations and FLIP materials (hydraulic modeling, geomorphic analysis, habitat planning, concept design, etc.).

C. FLIP Planning (Reach scale planning, engagement and development of an IFMP):

1. Submit meeting agendas, presentations, minutes, and roster for reach-scale design charette meetings and follow-ups.

Light refreshments (not meals) for public meetings may be eligible for reimbursement if approved by ECOLOGY'S Project Manager prior to each meeting.

2. Submit annotated outline for the IFMP identifying the FLIP core strategies and draft package of actions.

3. Submit updated presentations and resources provided to FLIPSC, FLIP stakeholders, and Tribes hosted on the FLIPSC SharePoint site.

4. Submit a screenshot and link to updated mapping platform for FLIPSC and key partners to build awareness and engagement on strategy development and support the Land Use Planning group.

5. Submit a draft action package summarizing the projects and strategies through the Nooksack and Sumas basins to identify funding needs for implementation.

Task Goal Statement:

To advance the technical and planning work needed to support the FLIP process; develop and evaluate suites of actions to mitigate flood risk, enhance habitat function, and increase community resiliency throughout the Nooksack and Sumas basins with a focus on the Everson Flow Split; and engage FLIP partners and keep the community informed. This ultimately will lead to selection of FLIPSC preferred strategies for flood hazard risk reduction and habitat improvements, and a broader understanding of the impacts of future development throughout the Nooksack and Sumas basins.

Task Expected Outcome:

Significant progress in the FLIP process, including evaluation of alternatives, identification of core strategies, engagement of the FLIP Reach Teams and advanced understanding and collaboration with the Transboundary Flood Initiative partners. The technical studies and planning will inform strategy development and development of action packages for the integrated floodplain management plan.

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Recipient Task Coordinator: Paula Harris

**2. FLIP Process Support**

**Deliverables**

Number	Description	Due Date
2.1	FLIP technical work: Signed consultant contracts. Upload to EAGL and notify ECOLOGY Project Manager.	
2.2	FLIP technical work: ECOLOGY-approved QAPP submitted for review and approval by the Project Manager prior to sampling. The RECIPIENT will comply with QAPP requirements in Section 12. Environmental Data Standards of the Agreement General Terms and Conditions.	
2.3	FLIP technical work: Final versions of the hydraulic and sediment modeling reports. Upload to EAGL and notify ECOLOGY Project Manager.	
2.4	FLIP technical work: Final report documenting the river corridor width analysis for all the lower Nooksack reaches. Upload to EAGL and notify ECOLOGY Project Manager.	
2.5	FLIP technical work: Technical memo and link to mapping platform documenting the Flow Impact Threshold Analysis. Upload to EAGL and notify ECOLOGY Project Manager.	
2.6	FLIP technical work: Technical memo documenting the preferred conceptual design for the “Widen the Everson Corridor” project. Upload to EAGL and notify ECOLOGY Project Manager.	
2.7	FLIP technical work: UW summary report updating the sediment analysis results from the “Widen the Everson Corridor” project. Upload to EAGL and notify ECOLOGY Project Manager.	
2.8	FLIP technical work: Technical memo documenting LIDAR and/or bathymetric data collection. Upload to EAGL and notify ECOLOGY Project Manager.	
2.9	FLIP technical work: USGS report documenting the efforts to improve Cedarville gaging. Upload to EAGL and notify ECOLOGY Project Manager.	
2.10	TFI Coordination: FLIP program presentations and materials that are hosted on the TFI SharePoint site. Upload to EAGL and notify ECOLOGY Project Manager.	
2.11	FLIP Planning: Summaries of 3 FLIP and Reach Team meetings. Upload to EAGL and notify ECOLOGY Project Manager.	
2.12	FLIP Planning: Annotated outline for the IFMP identifying the FLIP core strategies and draft package of actions. Upload to EAGL and notify ECOLOGY Project Manager.	

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2.13	Mid-biennium meeting scheduled for June of 2026 to review status of Task 2 deliverables. Upload meeting agenda and meeting notes summarizing progress of deliverables and action items to EAGL and notify ECOLOGY Project Manager.	
2.14	FLIP Planning: Updated FLIPSC meeting materials and presentations. Upload to EAGL and notify ECOLOGY Project Manager.	
2.15	FLIP Planning: Screenshot of maps and link to updated mapping platform for evaluating mitigation scenarios, and visualizing flood risk. Upload to EAGL and notify ECOLOGY Project Manager.	
2.16	FLIP Planning: Light refreshments meeting request form (if applicable). Submit to ECOLOGY Project Manager for approval prior to each public meeting. Submit approved copy with each Payment Request/Progress Report (PRPR).	

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**SCOPE OF WORK**

Task Number: 3 **Task Cost:** \$450,000.00

Task Title: 3. Partner Coordination, and Outreach Development

Task Description:

The RECIPIENT will coordinate with FLIP partners to help administer all tasks of this grant and develop and implement a comprehensive FLIP workplan that will develop an IFMP. The RECIPIENT will provide leadership and coordination in FLIP working groups including the SWAG, LUG, and Outreach and Engagement group. The RECIPIENT will support the development and implementation of an updated strategic communications plan to build awareness and a broad coalition of support for the IFMP.

The RECIPIENT will complete the following subtasks:

- A. Submit backup documentation for staff salaries and benefits incurred to manage the overall project, as detailed in the legislative proviso. The RECIPIENT will oversee, manage, and participate in all of the related FLIP work.
- B. Submit and implement an updated strategic communications plan which addresses how the RECIPIENT will engage and build support to implement the IFMP.
- C. Submit and distribute communication products according to the strategic communications plan to increase and deepen information sharing between technical experts and reach team stakeholders and landowners.

Task Goal Statement:

The RECIPIENT will facilitate and provide leadership to the FLIP partnership to ensure integrated floodplain management is sustained in the Nooksack watershed and to build long-term support for funding and implementation of the IFMP. Coordinated communications between technical experts and reach team stakeholders, tribes and landowners is critical for strengthening engagement and building the political will needed to fully implement the IFMP.

Task Expected Outcome:

The FLIP collaborative process builds broader partnerships through widely disseminating information and plans to keep floodplain communities, FLIP team, FLIP reach teams, public officials, and other stakeholders engaged and informed.

Recipient Task Coordinator: Jaimie Baxter

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### 3. Partner Coordination, and Outreach Development

#### Deliverables

Number	Description	Due Date
3.1	FLIP outreach flier summarizing impact to date and future vision. Upload to EAGL and notify ECOLOGY Project Manager.	
3.2	Updated strategic outreach and engagement plan. Upload to EAGL and notify ECOLOGY Project Manager.	
3.3	Communication products to support FLIP engagement including one or more of the following: fact sheets, visual infographics, one-pager technical summaries, storytelling videos, etc. Upload to EAGL and notify ECOLOGY Project Manager.	

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**BUDGET**

**Funding Distribution EG260567**

**NOTE:** *The above funding distribution number is used to identify this specific agreement and budget on payment remittances and may be referenced on other communications from ECOLOGY. Your agreement may have multiple funding distribution numbers to identify each budget.*

Funding Title: Flood Proviso 2025-27  
 Funding Type: Grant  
 Funding Effective Date: 07/01/2025 Funding Expiration Date: 06/30/2027  
 Funding Source:

Title: Natural Climate Solutions Account (NCSA)  
 Fund: FD  
 Type: State  
 Funding Source %: 100%  
 Description:

Approved Indirect Costs Rate: Approved State Indirect Rate: 0%  
 Recipient Match %: 0%  
 InKind Interlocal Allowed: No  
 InKind Other Allowed: No  
 Is this Funding Distribution used to match a federal grant? No

<b>Flood Proviso 2025-27</b>	<b>Task Total</b>
1. Grant Administration and Project Management	\$ 25,000.00
2. FLIP Process Support	\$ 2,263,000.00
3. Partner Coordination, and Outreach Development	\$ 450,000.00

**Total: \$ 2,738,000.00**

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**Funding Distribution Summary**

**Recipient / Ecology Share**

Funding Distribution Name	Recipient Match %	Recipient Share	Ecology Share	Total
Flood Proviso 2025-27	0.00 %	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,738,000.00	\$ 2,738,000.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,738,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,738,000.00</b>

**AGREEMENT SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

This agreement is supported with funding from Washington’s Climate Commitment Act (CCA). The CCA supports Washington’s climate action efforts by putting cap-and-invest dollars to work reducing climate pollution, creating jobs, and improving public health. Information about the CCA is available at <https://climate.wa.gov>.

Department of Ecology received funding from Washington’s Climate Commitment Act (CCA) for the work under this agreement. To strengthen public awareness of how CCA funding is used, the Office of the Governor is directing state agencies that administer funding or manage a CCA-supported program to ensure consistent logo branding and funding acknowledgments are used in all communications and included in grant agreements.

The “Climate Commitment Act” logo and funding acknowledgment make it easy for consumers and the public to see how the state is using CCA funds to reduce climate pollution, create jobs, and improve public health and the environment, particularly for low-income and overburdened populations.

The logo branding and funding acknowledgments requirements apply to all contractors, subcontractors, service providers, and others who assist the Recipient in implementing this agreement. The Recipient is to contact ECOLOGY if unsure about how to apply CCA requirements to the work under this agreement.

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1. The RECIPIENT will negotiate the task deliverable due dates with the ECOLOGY Project Manager, and the ECOLOGY Project Manager will enter the information in the Deliverables Due Date EAGL form. The RECIPIENT will keep track of these dates and will note any date changes on the quarterly progress reports. The Deliverables Due Date form can be found on the Application Menu - Forms page in EAGL. (Note: This form does not automatically print out with the Agreement.)

2. Local Decision: This grant is made in response to a request for financial assistance from the RECIPIENT to undertake flood damage prevention projects. The choice of floodplain management activities addressed by this grant is a local decision made solely by the RECIPIENT. The RECIPIENT is not acting as an agent of the state of Washington.

3. Lawsuits: ECOLOGY shall not be responsible for any non-contractual damage or inverse condemnation claims resulting from the structures or works constructed, repaired, restored, maintained, or improved pursuant to this grant.

4. Indemnification, Hold Harmless and Duty to Defend

a. ECOLOGY shall in no way be held responsible for payment of salaries, consultant's fees, and other costs related to

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the project described herein, except as provided in the scope of work.

b. This paragraph applies to negligence based claims only. All other claims are governed by paragraph 4 of this section (item 3.d). To the extent the constitution and laws of the state of Washington permit, RECIPIENT shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the state, its agencies, officers and employees, from all claims, suits or actions brought for any or all injuries to persons or property arising from, or as a consequence of, negligent acts or omissions related to the construction, restoration, repair, maintenance, improvement or operation of the structures or works for which this grant is provided. If the structures or works for which this grant is received are a portion of an integrated flood protection system, RECIPIENT agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the state of Washington, its agencies, employees, and officers against any and all liability arising out of the operation, maintenance, or repair of that integrated flood protection system; provided, however, that this provision is not intended to and shall not be construed as a waiver by RECIPIENT of any immunities conferred upon the RECIPIENT by RCW 86.12.037 nor is it intended to, and it shall not be construed to, confer any rights upon third parties.

c. The RECIPIENT will not be required to indemnify, defend, or save harmless the state, its agencies, officers or employees as provided in the preceding paragraph of this section if the claim, suit, or action for injuries, death, or damages is caused by the sole negligence of the state. Where such claims, suits, or actions result from the concurrent negligence of (a) the state, or the state's agents or employees and (b) the RECIPIENT or the RECIPIENT's agents or employees, the indemnity provisions provided in the preceding paragraphs of this section shall be valid and enforceable only to the extent of the RECIPIENT's negligence or the negligence of its agents and employees.

d. To the extent that the constitution and laws of the state of Washington permit, RECIPIENT shall indemnify and hold harmless the state of Washington, its agencies, employees, and officers against any and all liability arising out of the continued operation, maintenance, or repair of the structures or works constructed, restored, repaired, maintained or improved as a result of this grant. If the structures or works for which this grant is received are portions of an integrated flood protection system, RECIPIENT agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the state of Washington, its agencies, employees, and officers against any and all liability arising out of the operation, maintenance, or repair of that integrated flood protection system; provided, however, that the indemnity provisions of this paragraph are not intended to and shall not be construed as a waiver by Recipient of any immunities conferred upon the Recipient by RCW 86.12.037 nor are they intended to, and they shall not be construed to, confer any rights upon third parties. This agreement applies to all non-negligent, non-contractually based claims including, but not limited to, inverse condemnation, contribution, indemnification, trespass and/or nuisance.

5. Any development activity funded by this grant which occurs in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)-mapped regulatory floodplain, also known as the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), may trigger the need for a floodplain development permit from the local agency with floodplain management jurisdiction. "Development" is defined at 44 CFR 59.1 as "... any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to buildings or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations or storage of equipment or materials." Further, any activity funded by this grant may change the base flood elevations from physical changes affecting the floodplain. Communities are required by 44 CFR 65.3 to submit new data to FEMA in the event their actions affect the base flood elevation and the regulatory map (the SFHA).

6. ECOLOGY waives property acquisition report appraisal requirements for properties valued at \$25,000 or less. When the estimated property value does not exceed \$25,000, and the acquisition is not complex, the RECIPIENT may be exempt from meeting appraisal and review appraisal standards. Such exemptions must be requested in writing and approved by the ECOLOGY Project Manager before the closing on the property. The RECIPIENT must follow the appraisal waiver standards in 44 C.F.R. § 24.102.

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7. Some RECIPIENTS are required to provide grant match. Match is made up of three different types of contributions: cash expenditures, in kind other, and in kind interlocal. Cash match expenditures are eligible costs paid by the RECIPIENT and are not reimbursed by ECOLOGY. In kind contributions are property or services that benefit a project and are contributed to the RECIPIENT by a third party without direct monetary compensation. In kind other is a type of contribution where the third party making the contribution is not a government entity. In kind interlocal is a type of contribution where both the grant RECIPIENT and the third party making the contribution are both government entities and have a signed Inter-local agreement between them.

8. RECIPIENTS are required to submit a copy of the original invoice in the Payment Request backup documentation if an invoice number is referenced on a primary or subcontractor invoice.

9. To be eligible for reimbursement, RECIPIENTS must provide documentation of how an expenditure is directly related to the project. ECOLOGY will not reimburse any expenditure that is already included in the indirect rate. At ECOLOGY's sole discretion, ECOLOGY may approve reimbursement for the percentage of an expenditure that is directly related to the project.

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## SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

## GENERAL FEDERAL CONDITIONS

**If a portion or all of the funds for this agreement are provided through federal funding sources or this agreement is used to match a federal grant award, the following terms and conditions apply to you.**

### A. CERTIFICATION REGARDING SUSPENSION, DEBARMENT, INELIGIBILITY OR VOLUNTARY

#### EXCLUSION:

1. The RECIPIENT/CONTRACTOR, by signing this agreement, certifies that it is not suspended, debarred, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or otherwise excluded from contracting with the federal government, or from receiving contracts paid for with federal funds. If the RECIPIENT/CONTRACTOR is unable to certify to the statements contained in the certification, they must provide an explanation as to why they cannot.
2. The RECIPIENT/CONTRACTOR shall provide immediate written notice to ECOLOGY if at any time the RECIPIENT/CONTRACTOR learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or had become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
3. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meaning set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549.

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You may contact ECOLOGY for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.

4. The RECIPIENT/CONTRACTOR agrees it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under the applicable Code of Federal Regulations, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction.
5. The RECIPIENT/CONTRACTOR further agrees by signing this agreement, that it will include this clause titled "CERTIFICATION REGARDING SUSPENSION, DEBARMENT, INELIGIBILITY OR VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION" without modification in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
6. Pursuant to 2CFR180.330, the RECIPIENT/CONTRACTOR is responsible for ensuring that any lower tier covered transaction complies with certification of suspension and debarment requirements.
7. RECIPIENT/CONTRACTOR acknowledges that failing to disclose the information required in the Code of Federal Regulations may result in the delay or negation of this funding agreement, or pursuance of legal remedies, including suspension and debarment.
8. RECIPIENT/CONTRACTOR agrees to keep proof in its agreement file, that it, and all lower tier recipients or contractors, are not suspended or debarred, and will make this proof available to ECOLOGY before requests for reimbursements will be approved for payment. RECIPIENT/CONTRACTOR must run a search in <http://www.sam.gov> and print a copy of completed searches to document proof of compliance.

#### **B. FEDERAL FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT (FFATA) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:**

CONTRACTOR/RECIPIENT must complete the FFATA Data Collection Form (ECY 070-395) and return it with the signed agreement to ECOLOGY.

Any CONTRACTOR/RECIPIENT that meets each of the criteria below must report compensation for its five top executives using the FFATA Data Collection Form.

- Receives more than \$30,000 in federal funds under this award.
- Receives more than 80 percent of its annual gross revenues from federal funds.
- Receives more than \$25,000,000 in annual federal funds.

Ecology will not pay any invoices until it has received a completed and signed FFATA Data Collection Form. Ecology is required to report the FFATA information for federally funded agreements, including the required Unique Entity Identifier in [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov) <http://www.sam.gov> within 30 days of agreement signature. The FFATA information will be available to the public at [www.usaspending.gov](http://www.usaspending.gov) <http://www.usaspending.gov>.

For more details on FFATA requirements, see [www.fsrs.gov](http://www.fsrs.gov) <http://www.fsrs.gov>.

#### **C. FEDERAL FUNDING PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS OR VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT:**

As required by 2 CFR 200.216, federal grant or loan recipients and subrecipients are prohibited from obligating or expending loan or grant funds to:

1. Procure or obtain;
2. Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or
3. Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that use covered telecommunications equipment, video surveillance services or services as a substantial or essential

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component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in [Public Law 115-232](#) <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/PLAW-115publ232/pdf/PLAW-115publ232.pdf>, section 889, covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).

Recipients, subrecipients, and borrowers also may not use federal funds to purchase certain prohibited equipment, systems, or services, including equipment, systems, or services produced or provided by entities identified in section 889, are recorded in the [System for Award Management \(SAM\)](#) <https://sam.gov/SAM> exclusion list.

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### Pertaining to Grant and Loan Agreements With the state of Washington, Department of Ecology

#### GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

For DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY GRANTS and LOANS

07/01/2023 Version

#### 1. ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

- a) RECIPIENT shall follow the "Administrative Requirements for Recipients of Ecology Grants and Loans – EAGL Edition." (<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/SummaryPages/2301002.html>)
- b) RECIPIENT shall complete all activities funded by this Agreement and be fully responsible for the proper management of all funds and resources made available under this Agreement.
- c) RECIPIENT agrees to take complete responsibility for all actions taken under this Agreement, including ensuring all subgrantees and contractors comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. ECOLOGY reserves the right to request proof of compliance by subgrantees and contractors.
- d) RECIPIENT's activities under this Agreement shall be subject to the review and approval by ECOLOGY for the extent and character of all work and services.

#### 2. AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS

This Agreement may be altered, amended, or waived only by a written amendment executed by both parties. No subsequent modification(s) or amendment(s) of this Agreement will be of any force or effect unless in writing and signed by authorized representatives of both parties. ECOLOGY and the RECIPIENT may change their respective staff contacts and administrative information without the concurrence of either party.

#### 3. ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR COVERED TECHNOLOGY

The RECIPIENT must comply with the Washington State Office of the Chief Information Officer, OCIO Policy no. 188, Accessibility (<https://ocio.wa.gov/policy/accessibility>) as it relates to "covered technology." This requirement applies to all products supplied under the Agreement, providing equal access to information technology by individuals with disabilities, including and not limited to web sites/pages, web-based applications, software systems, video and audio content, and electronic documents intended for publishing on Ecology's public web site.

#### 4. ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

RECIPIENT shall take all reasonable action to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects to archaeological and historic archaeological sites, historic buildings/structures, traditional cultural places, sacred sites, or other cultural resources, hereby referred to as Cultural Resources.

The RECIPIENT must agree to hold harmless ECOLOGY in relation to any claim related to Cultural Resources discovered, disturbed, or damaged due to the RECIPIENT's project funded under this Agreement.

RECIPIENT shall:

- a) Contact the ECOLOGY Program issuing the grant or loan to discuss any Cultural Resources requirements for their project:
  - Cultural Resource Consultation and Review should be initiated early in the project planning process and must be completed prior to expenditure of Agreement funds as required by applicable State and Federal requirements.
  - \* For state funded construction, demolition, or land acquisitions, comply with Governor Executive Order 21-02, Archaeological and Cultural Resources.
  - For projects with any federal involvement, comply with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Section 106).

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b) If required by the ECOLOGY Program, submit an Inadvertent Discovery Plan (IDP) to ECOLOGY prior to implementing any project that involves field activities. ECOLOGY will provide the IDP form.

RECIPIENT shall:

- Keep the IDP at the project site.
- Make the IDP readily available to anyone working at the project site.
- Discuss the IDP with staff, volunteers, and contractors working at the project site.
- Implement the IDP when Cultural Resources or human remains are found at the project site.

c) If any Cultural Resources are found while conducting work under this Agreement, follow the protocol outlined in the project IDP.

- Immediately stop work and notify the ECOLOGY Program, who will notify the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation at (360) 586-3065, any affected Tribe, and the local government.

d) If any human remains are found while conducting work under this Agreement, follow the protocol outlined in the project IDP.

- Immediately stop work and notify the local Law Enforcement Agency or Medical Examiner/Coroner's Office, the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation at (360) 790-1633, and then the ECOLOGY Program.

e) Comply with RCW 27.53, RCW 27.44, and RCW 68.50.645, and all other applicable local, state, and federal laws protecting Cultural Resources and human remains.

#### 5. ASSIGNMENT

No right or claim of the RECIPIENT arising under this Agreement shall be transferred or assigned by the RECIPIENT.

#### 6. COMMUNICATION

RECIPIENT shall make every effort to maintain effective communications with the RECIPIENT's designees, ECOLOGY, all affected local, state, or federal jurisdictions, and any interested individuals or groups.

#### 7. COMPENSATION

a) Any work performed prior to effective date of this Agreement will be at the sole expense and risk of the RECIPIENT. ECOLOGY must sign the Agreement before any payment requests can be submitted.

b) Payments will be made on a reimbursable basis for approved and completed work as specified in this Agreement.

c) RECIPIENT is responsible to determine if costs are eligible. Any questions regarding eligibility should be clarified with ECOLOGY prior to incurring costs. Costs that are conditionally eligible require approval by ECOLOGY prior to expenditure.

d) RECIPIENT shall not invoice more than once per month unless agreed on by ECOLOGY.

e) ECOLOGY will not process payment requests without the proper reimbursement forms, Progress Report and supporting documentation. ECOLOGY will provide instructions for submitting payment requests.

f) ECOLOGY will pay the RECIPIENT thirty (30) days after receipt of a properly completed request for payment.

g) RECIPIENT will receive payment through Washington State's Office of Financial Management's Statewide Payee Desk. To receive payment you must register as a statewide vendor by submitting a statewide vendor registration form and an IRS W-9 form at website, <https://ofm.wa.gov/it-systems/statewide-vendorpayee-services>. If you have questions about the vendor registration process, you can contact Statewide Payee Help Desk at (360) 407-8180 or email [PayeeRegistration@ofm.wa.gov](mailto:PayeeRegistration@ofm.wa.gov).

h) ECOLOGY may, at its sole discretion, withhold payments claimed by the RECIPIENT if the RECIPIENT fails to satisfactorily comply with any term or condition of this Agreement.

i) Monies withheld by ECOLOGY may be paid to the RECIPIENT when the work described herein, or a portion thereof, has been completed if, at ECOLOGY's sole discretion, such payment is reasonable and approved according to this Agreement, as appropriate, or upon completion of an audit as specified herein.

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j) RECIPIENT must submit within thirty (30) days after the expiration date of this Agreement, all financial, performance, and other reports required by this Agreement. Failure to comply may result in delayed reimbursement.

#### 8. COMPLIANCE WITH ALL LAWS

RECIPIENT agrees to comply fully with all applicable federal, state and local laws, orders, regulations, and permits related to this Agreement, including but not limited to:

a) RECIPIENT agrees to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and policies of the United States and the State of Washington which affect wages and job safety.

b) RECIPIENT agrees to be bound by all applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and policies against discrimination.

c) RECIPIENT certifies full compliance with all applicable state industrial insurance requirements.

d) RECIPIENT agrees to secure and provide assurance to ECOLOGY that all the necessary approvals and permits required by authorities having jurisdiction over the project are obtained. RECIPIENT must include time in their project timeline for the permit and approval processes.

ECOLOGY shall have the right to immediately terminate for cause this Agreement as provided herein if the RECIPIENT fails to comply with above requirements.

If any provision of this Agreement violates any statute or rule of law of the state of Washington, it is considered modified to conform to that statute or rule of law.

#### 9. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

RECIPIENT and ECOLOGY agree that any officer, member, agent, or employee, who exercises any function or responsibility in the review, approval, or carrying out of this Agreement, shall not have any personal or financial interest, direct or indirect, nor affect the interest of any corporation, partnership, or association in which he/she is a part, in this Agreement or the proceeds thereof.

#### 10. CONTRACTING FOR GOODS AND SERVICES

RECIPIENT may contract to buy goods or services related to its performance under this Agreement. RECIPIENT shall award all contracts for construction, purchase of goods, equipment, services, and professional architectural and engineering services through a competitive process, if required by State law. RECIPIENT is required to follow procurement procedures that ensure legal, fair, and open competition.

RECIPIENT must have a standard procurement process or follow current state procurement procedures. RECIPIENT may be required to provide written certification that they have followed their standard procurement procedures and applicable state law in awarding contracts under this Agreement.

ECOLOGY reserves the right to inspect and request copies of all procurement documentation, and review procurement practices related to this Agreement. Any costs incurred as a result of procurement practices not in compliance with state procurement law or the RECIPIENT's normal procedures may be disallowed at ECOLOGY's sole discretion.

#### 11. DISPUTES

When there is a dispute with regard to the extent and character of the work, or any other matter related to this Agreement the determination of ECOLOGY will govern, although the RECIPIENT shall have the right to appeal decisions as provided for below:

a) RECIPIENT notifies the funding program of an appeal request.

b) Appeal request must be in writing and state the disputed issue(s).

c) RECIPIENT has the opportunity to be heard and offer evidence in support of its appeal.

d) ECOLOGY reviews the RECIPIENT's appeal.

e) ECOLOGY sends a written answer within ten (10) business days, unless more time is needed, after concluding the

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review.

The decision of ECOLOGY from an appeal will be final and conclusive, unless within thirty (30) days from the date of such decision, the RECIPIENT furnishes to the Director of ECOLOGY a written appeal. The decision of the Director or duly authorized representative will be final and conclusive.

The parties agree that this dispute process will precede any action in a judicial or quasi-judicial tribunal.

Appeals of the Director's decision will be brought in the Superior Court of Thurston County. Review of the Director's decision will not be taken to Environmental and Land Use Hearings Office.

Pending final decision of a dispute, the RECIPIENT agrees to proceed diligently with the performance of this Agreement and in accordance with the decision rendered.

Nothing in this Agreement will be construed to limit the parties' choice of another mutually acceptable method, in addition to the dispute resolution procedure outlined above.

## 12. ENVIRONMENTAL DATA STANDARDS

a) RECIPIENT shall prepare a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for a project that collects or uses environmental measurement data. RECIPIENTS unsure about whether a QAPP is required for their project shall contact the ECOLOGY Program issuing the grant or loan. If a QAPP is required, the RECIPIENT shall:

- Use ECOLOGY's QAPP Template/Checklist provided by the ECOLOGY, unless ECOLOGY Quality Assurance (QA) officer or the Program QA coordinator instructs otherwise.
- Follow ECOLOGY's Guidelines for Preparing Quality Assurance Project Plans for Environmental Studies, July 2004 (Ecology Publication No. 04-03-030).
- Submit the QAPP to ECOLOGY for review and approval before the start of the work.

b) RECIPIENT shall submit environmental data that was collected on a project to ECOLOGY using the Environmental Information Management system (EIM), unless the ECOLOGY Program instructs otherwise. The RECIPIENT must confirm with ECOLOGY that complete and correct data was successfully loaded into EIM, find instructions at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/eim>.

c) RECIPIENT shall follow ECOLOGY's data standards when Geographic Information System (GIS) data is collected and processed. Guidelines for Creating and Accessing GIS Data are available at: <https://ecology.wa.gov/Research-Data/Data-resources/Geographic-Information-Systems-GIS/Standards>. RECIPIENT, when requested by ECOLOGY, shall provide copies to ECOLOGY of all final GIS data layers, imagery, related tables, raw data collection files, map products, and all metadata and project documentation.

## 13. GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement will be governed by the laws of the State of Washington, and the venue of any action brought hereunder will be in the Superior Court of Thurston County.

## 14. INDEMNIFICATION

ECOLOGY will in no way be held responsible for payment of salaries, consultant's fees, and other costs related to the project described herein, except as provided in the Scope of Work.

To the extent that the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington permit, each party will indemnify and hold the other harmless from and against any liability for any or all injuries to persons or property arising from the negligent act or omission of that party or that party's agents or employees arising out of this Agreement.

## 15. INDEPENDENT STATUS

The employees, volunteers, or agents of each party who are engaged in the performance of this Agreement will continue to be employees, volunteers, or agents of that party and will not for any purpose be employees, volunteers, or agents of the other party.

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#### 16. KICKBACKS

RECIPIENT is prohibited from inducing by any means any person employed or otherwise involved in this Agreement to give up any part of the compensation to which he/she is otherwise entitled to or receive any fee, commission, or gift in return for award of a subcontract hereunder.

#### 17. MINORITY AND WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (MWBE)

RECIPIENT is encouraged to solicit and recruit, to the extent possible, certified minority-owned (MBE) and women-owned (WBE) businesses in purchases and contracts initiated under this Agreement.

Contract awards or rejections cannot be made based on MWBE participation; however, the RECIPIENT is encouraged to take the following actions, when possible, in any procurement under this Agreement:

- a) Include qualified minority and women's businesses on solicitation lists whenever they are potential sources of goods or services.
- b) Divide the total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities, to permit maximum participation by qualified minority and women's businesses.
- c) Establish delivery schedules, where work requirements permit, which will encourage participation of qualified minority and women's businesses.
- d) Use the services and assistance of the Washington State Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises (OMWBE) (866-208-1064) and the Office of Minority Business Enterprises of the U.S. Department of Commerce, as appropriate.

#### 18. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

In the event of inconsistency in this Agreement, unless otherwise provided herein, the inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order: (a) applicable federal and state statutes and regulations; (b) The Agreement; (c) Scope of Work; (d) Special Terms and Conditions; (e) Any provisions or terms incorporated herein by reference, including the "Administrative Requirements for Recipients of Ecology Grants and Loans"; (f) Ecology Funding Program Guidelines; and (g) General Terms and Conditions.

#### 19. PRESENTATION AND PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

ECOLOGY reserves the right to approve RECIPIENT's communication documents and materials related to the fulfillment of this Agreement:

- a) If requested, RECIPIENT shall provide a draft copy to ECOLOGY for review and approval ten (10) business days prior to production and distribution.
- b) RECIPIENT shall include time for ECOLOGY's review and approval process in their project timeline.
- c) If requested, RECIPIENT shall provide ECOLOGY two (2) final copies and an electronic copy of any tangible products developed.

Copies include any printed materials, and all tangible products developed such as brochures, manuals, pamphlets, videos, audio tapes, CDs, curriculum, posters, media announcements, or gadgets with a message, such as a refrigerator magnet, and any online communications, such as web pages, blogs, and twitter campaigns. If it is not practical to provide a copy, then the RECIPIENT shall provide a description (photographs, drawings, printouts, etc.) that best represents the item.

Any communications intended for public distribution that uses ECOLOGY's logo shall comply with ECOLOGY's graphic requirements and any additional requirements specified in this Agreement. Before the use of ECOLOGY's logo contact ECOLOGY for guidelines.

RECIPIENT shall acknowledge in the communications that funding was provided by ECOLOGY.

#### 20. PROGRESS REPORTING

- a) RECIPIENT must satisfactorily demonstrate the timely use of funds by submitting payment requests and progress

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reports to ECOLOGY. ECOLOGY reserves the right to amend or terminate this Agreement if the RECIPIENT does not document timely use of funds.

b) RECIPIENT must submit a progress report with each payment request. Payment requests will not be processed without a progress report. ECOLOGY will define the elements and frequency of progress reports.

c) RECIPIENT shall use ECOLOGY's provided progress report format.

d) Quarterly progress reports will cover the periods from January 1 through March 31, April 1 through June 30, July 1 through September 30, and October 1 through December 31. Reports shall be submitted within thirty (30) days after the end of the quarter being reported.

e) RECIPIENT must submit within thirty (30) days of the expiration date of the project, unless an extension has been approved by ECOLOGY, all financial, performance, and other reports required by the Agreement and funding program guidelines. RECIPIENT shall use the ECOLOGY provided closeout report format.

## 21. PROPERTY RIGHTS

a) Copyrights and Patents. When the RECIPIENT creates any copyrightable materials or invents any patentable property under this Agreement, the RECIPIENT may copyright or patent the same but ECOLOGY retains a royalty free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, recover, or otherwise use the material(s) or property, and to authorize others to use the same for federal, state, or local government purposes.

b) Publications. When the RECIPIENT or persons employed by the RECIPIENT use or publish ECOLOGY information; present papers, lectures, or seminars involving information supplied by ECOLOGY; or use logos, reports, maps, or other data in printed reports, signs, brochures, pamphlets, etc., appropriate credit shall be given to ECOLOGY.

c) Presentation and Promotional Materials. ECOLOGY shall have the right to use or reproduce any printed or graphic materials produced in fulfillment of this Agreement, in any manner ECOLOGY deems appropriate. ECOLOGY shall acknowledge the RECIPIENT as the sole copyright owner in every use or reproduction of the materials.

d) Tangible Property Rights. ECOLOGY's current edition of "Administrative Requirements for Recipients of Ecology Grants and Loans," shall control the use and disposition of all real and personal property purchased wholly or in part with funds furnished by ECOLOGY in the absence of state and federal statutes, regulations, or policies to the contrary, or upon specific instructions with respect thereto in this Agreement.

e) Personal Property Furnished by ECOLOGY. When ECOLOGY provides personal property directly to the RECIPIENT for use in performance of the project, it shall be returned to ECOLOGY prior to final payment by ECOLOGY. If said property is lost, stolen, or damaged while in the RECIPIENT's possession, then ECOLOGY shall be reimbursed in cash or by setoff by the RECIPIENT for the fair market value of such property.

f) Acquisition Projects. The following provisions shall apply if the project covered by this Agreement includes funds for the acquisition of land or facilities:

1. RECIPIENT shall establish that the cost is fair value and reasonable prior to disbursement of funds provided for in this Agreement.

2. RECIPIENT shall provide satisfactory evidence of title or ability to acquire title for each parcel prior to disbursement of funds provided by this Agreement. Such evidence may include title insurance policies, Torrens certificates, or abstracts, and attorney's opinions establishing that the land is free from any impediment, lien, or claim which would impair the uses intended by this Agreement.

g) Conversions. Regardless of the Agreement expiration date, the RECIPIENT shall not at any time convert any equipment, property, or facility acquired or developed under this Agreement to uses other than those for which assistance was originally approved without prior written approval of ECOLOGY. Such approval may be conditioned upon payment to ECOLOGY of that portion of the proceeds of the sale, lease, or other conversion or encumbrance which monies granted pursuant to this Agreement bear to the total acquisition, purchase, or construction costs of such property.

## 22. RECORDS, AUDITS, AND INSPECTIONS

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RECIPIENT shall maintain complete program and financial records relating to this Agreement, including any engineering documentation and field inspection reports of all construction work accomplished.

All records shall:

- a) Be kept in a manner which provides an audit trail for all expenditures.
- b) Be kept in a common file to facilitate audits and inspections.
- c) Clearly indicate total receipts and expenditures related to this Agreement.
- d) Be open for audit or inspection by ECOLOGY, or by any duly authorized audit representative of the State of Washington, for a period of at least three (3) years after the final grant payment or loan repayment, or any dispute resolution hereunder.

RECIPIENT shall provide clarification and make necessary adjustments if any audits or inspections identify discrepancies in the records.

ECOLOGY reserves the right to audit, or have a designated third party audit, applicable records to ensure that the state has been properly invoiced. Any remedies and penalties allowed by law to recover monies determined owed will be enforced. Repetitive instances of incorrect invoicing or inadequate records may be considered cause for termination.

All work performed under this Agreement and any property and equipment purchased shall be made available to ECOLOGY and to any authorized state, federal or local representative for inspection at any time during the course of this Agreement and for at least three (3) years following grant or loan termination or dispute resolution hereunder.

RECIPIENT shall provide right of access to ECOLOGY, or any other authorized representative, at all reasonable times, in order to monitor and evaluate performance, compliance, and any other conditions under this Agreement.

### 23. RECOVERY OF FUNDS

The right of the RECIPIENT to retain monies received as reimbursement payments is contingent upon satisfactory performance of this Agreement and completion of the work described in the Scope of Work.

All payments to the RECIPIENT are subject to approval and audit by ECOLOGY, and any unauthorized expenditure(s) or unallowable cost charged to this Agreement shall be refunded to ECOLOGY by the RECIPIENT.

RECIPIENT shall refund to ECOLOGY the full amount of any erroneous payment or overpayment under this Agreement.

RECIPIENT shall refund by check payable to ECOLOGY the amount of any such reduction of payments or repayments within thirty (30) days of a written notice. Interest will accrue at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per year from the time ECOLOGY demands repayment of funds.

Any property acquired under this Agreement, at the option of ECOLOGY, may become ECOLOGY's property and the RECIPIENT's liability to repay monies will be reduced by an amount reflecting the fair value of such property.

### 24. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Agreement or any provision of any document incorporated by reference shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this Agreement which can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end the provisions of this Agreement are declared to be severable.

### 25. STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (SEPA)

RECIPIENT must demonstrate to ECOLOGY's satisfaction that compliance with the requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act (Chapter 43.21C RCW and Chapter 197-11 WAC) have been or will be met. Any reimbursements are subject to this provision.

### 26. SUSPENSION

When in the best interest of ECOLOGY, ECOLOGY may at any time, and without cause, suspend this Agreement or any portion thereof for a temporary period by written notice from ECOLOGY to the RECIPIENT. RECIPIENT shall resume performance on the next business day following the suspension period unless another day is specified by ECOLOGY.

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## 27. SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

In order to sustain Washington's natural resources and ecosystems, the RECIPIENT is fully encouraged to implement sustainable practices and to purchase environmentally preferable products under this Agreement.

a) Sustainable practices may include such activities as: use of clean energy, use of double-sided printing, hosting low impact meetings, and setting up recycling and composting programs.

b) Purchasing may include such items as: sustainably produced products and services, EPEAT registered computers and imaging equipment, independently certified green cleaning products, remanufactured toner cartridges, products with reduced packaging, office products that are refillable, rechargeable, and recyclable, 100% post-consumer recycled paper, and toxic free products.

For more suggestions visit ECOLOGY's web page, Green Purchasing,

<https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Guidance-technical-assistance/Sustainable-purchasing>.

## 28. TERMINATION

### a) For Cause

ECOLOGY may terminate for cause this Agreement with a seven (7) calendar days prior written notification to the RECIPIENT, at the sole discretion of ECOLOGY, for failing to perform an Agreement requirement or for a material breach of any term or condition. If this Agreement is so terminated, the parties shall be liable only for performance rendered or costs incurred in accordance with the terms of this Agreement prior to the effective date of termination.

**Failure to Commence Work.** ECOLOGY reserves the right to terminate this Agreement if RECIPIENT fails to commence work on the project funded within four (4) months after the effective date of this Agreement, or by any date mutually agreed upon in writing for commencement of work, or the time period defined within the Scope of Work.

**Non-Performance.** The obligation of ECOLOGY to the RECIPIENT is contingent upon satisfactory performance by the RECIPIENT of all of its obligations under this Agreement. In the event the RECIPIENT unjustifiably fails, in the opinion of ECOLOGY, to perform any obligation required of it by this Agreement, ECOLOGY may refuse to pay any further funds, terminate in whole or in part this Agreement, and exercise any other rights under this Agreement. Despite the above, the RECIPIENT shall not be relieved of any liability to ECOLOGY for damages sustained by ECOLOGY and the State of Washington because of any breach of this Agreement by the RECIPIENT. ECOLOGY may withhold payments for the purpose of setoff until such time as the exact amount of damages due ECOLOGY from the RECIPIENT is determined.

### b) For Convenience

ECOLOGY may terminate for convenience this Agreement, in whole or in part, for any reason when it is the best interest of ECOLOGY, with a thirty (30) calendar days prior written notification to the RECIPIENT, except as noted below. If this Agreement is so terminated, the parties shall be liable only for performance rendered or costs incurred in accordance with the terms of this Agreement prior to the effective date of termination.

**Non-Allocation of Funds.** ECOLOGY's ability to make payments is contingent on availability of funding. In the event funding from state, federal or other sources is withdrawn, reduced, or limited in any way after the effective date and prior to the completion or expiration date of this Agreement, ECOLOGY, at its sole discretion, may elect to terminate the Agreement, in whole or part, or renegotiate the Agreement, subject to new funding limitations or conditions. ECOLOGY may also elect to suspend performance of the Agreement until ECOLOGY determines the funding insufficiency is resolved. ECOLOGY may exercise any of these options with no notification or restrictions, although ECOLOGY will make a reasonable attempt to provide notice.

In the event of termination or suspension, ECOLOGY will reimburse eligible costs incurred by the RECIPIENT through the effective date of termination or suspension. Reimbursed costs must be agreed to by ECOLOGY and the RECIPIENT. In no event shall ECOLOGY's reimbursement exceed ECOLOGY's total responsibility under the Agreement and any amendments.

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If payments have been discontinued by ECOLOGY due to unavailable funds, the RECIPIENT shall not be obligated to repay monies which had been paid to the RECIPIENT prior to such termination.

RECIPIENT's obligation to continue or complete the work described in this Agreement shall be contingent upon availability of funds by the RECIPIENT's governing body.

c) By Mutual Agreement

ECOLOGY and the RECIPIENT may terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, at any time, by mutual written agreement.

d) In Event of Termination

All finished or unfinished documents, data studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs, reports or other materials prepared by the RECIPIENT under this Agreement, at the option of ECOLOGY, will become property of ECOLOGY and the RECIPIENT shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any satisfactory work completed on such documents and other materials.

Nothing contained herein shall preclude ECOLOGY from demanding repayment of all funds paid to the RECIPIENT in accordance with Recovery of Funds, identified herein.

29. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY

RECIPIENT shall ensure that in all subcontracts entered into by the RECIPIENT pursuant to this Agreement, the state of Washington is named as an express third party beneficiary of such subcontracts with full rights as such.

30. WAIVER

Waiver of a default or breach of any provision of this Agreement is not a waiver of any subsequent default or breach, and will not be construed as a modification of the terms of this Agreement unless stated as such in writing by the authorized representative of ECOLOGY.

End of General Terms and Conditions

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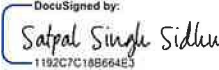
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