



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: City of Everson – Cost Reimbursement Agreement – Amendment No. 3
Funding Support for Participation in the FLIP Planning Process (Project No. 19082351 and 19082363)

DATE: June 10, 2025

Enclosed is a cost reimbursement agreement amendment between the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District (FCZD) and the City of Everson (City) 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 the Cost Reimbursement Agreement with the City of Everson 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 Cities of Everson, Nooksack and Sumas (Small Cities) are represented in the FLIP planning process by a consultant from Reichart and Ebe (R&E). 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 Small City representatives in the FLIP planning process (Grant No. SEAFBD-2123-WhCoPW-00014 and SEAFBD-2325-WhCoPW-00054). Both grants expire on June 30, 2027. The cost reimbursement agreement and all amendments are with the City of Everson (City), and the City has retained R&E to represent all three small cities.

A cost reimbursement agreement with the City was executed on January 23, 2023. Amendment #1 corrected an error in the contract amount, which was approved by council at \$48,000. Amendment #2 increased the total contracted amount to \$73,000. Amendment #3 proposes to add an additional \$30,000 for a total contract amount of \$103,000. The additional \$30,000 will cover R&E'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 by the City.

Funding Amount and Source

This cost reimbursement agreement amendment proposes to add \$30,000 to the original contract amount for a total contract amount of \$103,000 for participation by the City in the FLIP process through June 30, 2027. This amount will be reimbursed by the '21-'23 or '23-'25 FbD grants and the 20% match will be provided by the City of Everson.

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