

# Supplemental Budget Request

Status: Pending

Public Works

Engineering Bridge & Hydraulic

Suppl ID # 3634

Fund 384

Cost Center 384100

Originator: James Lee

Expenditure Type: One-Time

Year 2 2022

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Priority 1

Name of Request: Swift Creek Project Based Budget Amendment #1

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Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission)

Date

Costs:	Object	Object Description	Amount Requested
	4334.0311	CZM-FCCAP Grant	(\$2,041,000)
	6630	Professional Services	\$540,000
	6699	Other Services-Interfund	\$300,000
	7380	Other Improvements	\$1,201,000
	<b>Request Total</b>		<b>\$0</b>

## 1a. Description of request:

A large landslide in the upper watershed of Swift Creek located on the west flanks of Sumas Mountain contains naturally occurring asbestos (NOA) which poses a risk to human health and the environment. In 2019 Whatcom County and the Department of Ecology (Ecology) entered into a Consent Decree which provides the framework for collaboration between Whatcom County and Ecology for mitigating the impacts of Swift Creek sedimentation and NOA. A part of the Consent Decree is the Swift Creek Action Plan which includes various project elements including deflection berms, sediment traps, sediment basins and other misc. improvements that when fully constructed will help to mitigate the impacts caused by Swift Creek sedimentation and NOA. To date, the Washington State Department of Ecology has appropriated \$8.4 million dollars of State funds for work on this project.

This supplement budget request, which will add an additional \$2,041,000 of State funds into project based budget for the Swift Creek Capital Projects fund, will provide for continued design of various project elements and more significantly the first round of significant capital construction located east of Goodwin Road. This work will include construction of the first three sediment traps, phase one of the upper deflection berm and other ancillary improvements.

## 1b. Primary customers:

General public and residents of the greater Swift Creek and Sumas River floodplains.

## 2. Problem to be solved:

The intent of the Swift Creek Action Plan is to mitigate the impacts of the Swift Creek sedimentation and NOA to human health and the environment. Once fully constructed the Swift Creek Action Plan will achieve this goal.

## 3a. Options / Advantages:

An Environmental Impact Statement was completed in 2013 which considered a suit of options for addressing Swift Creek sedimentation and NOA. After thorough review the current Swift Creek Action Plan was deemed to be the most feasible approach.

## 3b. Cost savings:

N/A

## 4a. Outcomes:

The outcome of this project will be the eventual construction of all the project elements included in the Swift Creek Action Plan. The current overall schedule for this project shows completion of all the project

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elements in 2028. The ability for Whatcom County to complete the Swift Creek Action Plan will be dependent upon the continued availability of State funding.

**4b. Measures:**

The Swift Creek Action Plan will be constructed.

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

N/A

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

James E. Lee, P.E., Program Manager for the Swift Creek Project

**6. Funding Source:**

Entirely State Funded