



# MEMORANDUM

**To:** The Honorable Satpal Singh 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 *caK*

**From:** Julie Anderson, River & Flood Manager *JMA*  
Gary Stoyka, Natural Resources Manager *GS*

**Subject:** Amendment A to CDBG-DR Resiliency Planning Grant Agreement with Washington State Department of Commerce

**Date:** June 26, 2026

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Enclosed is a Contract Amendment between Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District (FCZD) and Washington State Department of Commerce (Commerce) for your review and signature.

## Background and Purpose

The Whatcom County FCZD and the Floodplain Integrated Planning (FLIP) team are engaged in an effort to implement and update the Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan and identified berms around the Cities of Everson and Nooksack as a potential mitigation project. The FCZD was awarded a Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Resiliency Planning Grant for a feasibility and preliminary engineering study for the Everson-Nooksack berms and a flood mitigation and resiliency plan for the City of Sumas. During the negotiation with the consultant selected for the berm feasibility study, it became evident that more funding would be required to complete the berm scope of work. The FCZD requested and was awarded the additional \$207,400 in funding by the Commerce.

## Funding Amount and Source

The amount of this amendment is \$207,400, which brings the total contract amount to \$1,517,400 with 100% provided by the Commerce and no match required by the FCZD. The 2025-2026 FCZD budget has adequate budget authority for this work. Council approval is required per WCC 3.08.100 (M).

Please contact Paula Harris, Flood Planning & Mitigation Manager, at [pharris@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:pharris@co.whatcom.wa.us) or at extension 6285 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

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