



# Memorandum

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

**FROM:** Erika Lautenbach, Director

**RE:** Washington State Department of Ecology – Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance Agreement for Solid Waste Enforcement

**DATE:** **AUGUST 15, 2023**

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Attached is an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Ecology for your review and signature.

- **Background and Purpose**

The Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance Agreement (LSWFA) Enforcement Program has been a continuous source of solid waste program funding since 1996. This Agreement funds solid waste management compliance and litter and/or illegal dumping enforcement activities.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

The 2023-2025 Agreement provides \$237,673 in Ecology funds to be matched with \$79,214.33 in local funds from the Solid Waste Disposal Tax. These funds are included in the 2023 budget. Council authorization is required per RCW 39.34.030(2) for agreements between public agencies.

- **Differences from Previous Contracts**

The following revisions are included in this new Agreement from the previous agreement (WC Contract #202108026):

Task 1 – Expected number of new solid waste facility or site permits issued increases by 1, facility or site inspections increases by 47 and the number of expected solid waste complaints resolved decreases from 450 to 400 (due to the amount awarded by Ecology being less in this grant cycle, than the last one).

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