



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director
RE: Washington State Department of Ecology – 2021-2023 Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance Agreement for Enforcement
DATE: July 23, 2021

Attached is an Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

The Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance Agreement (LSWFA) Enforcement Program (formerly known as the Coordinated Prevention Grant) 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 2021-2023 Agreement provides \$236,340 in DOE funds to be matched with \$78,780 in local funds from the Solid Waste Disposal Tax. These funds are included in the 2021 budget. Council approval is required per RCW 39.34.030(2) for agreements between public agencies.

▪ **Differences between Previous Contracts**

Over the previous 2-year Agreement that ended on 6/30/2021 (201907033), this 2-year Agreement:

1. Increases DOE's contribution by \$127,130.50 and the County's match by \$42,376.83;
2. Requires annual site inspections at 22 conditionally exempt solid waste handling facilities and 23 permitted facilities compared to only 18 conditionally exempt solid waste handling facilities;
3. Requires inspections at approximately 45 facilities (compared to 36), completion of 2 solid waste facility or site permits, and 7,700 employee hours to implement these tasks.

Please contact Jennifer Hayden, Environmental Health Supervisor at 360-778-6036 (JHayden@co.whatcom.wa.us) or Kathleen Roy, Assistant Director at 360-778-6007 (KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us), if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request.

