



Health and Community Services

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Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

ECAF: 2026-1471

Motion: 26-242

Type:

- ☒ Contract
☐ Board Appt.
☐ Code Amendment
☐ Budget Action
☐ Other

Requested Handling:

- ☒ Normal
☐ Expedite
☐ Urgent

Fund Source:

- ☐ General Fund
☐ Other
☒ N/A

Executive Rec:

- ☒ Approve
☐ Do Not Approve
☐ N/A

Approved as to

Form:

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☒ N/A

Subject: Public Assistance Grant Agreement – December 2025 Flooding

Scope: The purpose of the agreement with Washington Emergency Management Division is to receive pass-through grant funds from the FEMA Public Assistance program in response to a Presidential Disaster Declaration for severe weather and flooding in December 2025. The funds will reimburse Snohomish County departments and offices for emergency expenditures and damages incurred during the historic flooding.

Snohomish County will be reimbursed for eligible expenses – the total of which has yet to be determined. Under the terms of the agreement, FEMA will reimburse 75 percent of the costs and Washington State will pay 12.5 percent of costs. Snohomish County will pay the remaining 12.5 percent of eligible costs.

Costs are expected to be across the following six departments/offices: Department of Emergency Management, Human Services Department, Snohomish Health Department, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Department of Public Works, and the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office.

The grant agreement incorporates the 2025 DHS Standard Terms and Conditions, which includes terms that are subject to the permanent injunction in County of Santa Clara et al. v. Noem et al., 25-cv-08330 WHO (N.D. Cal.)(issued November 21, 2025)("Order"), in which Snohomish County is a plaintiff. The ECAF contains a letter to the Washington Emergency Management Division stating that execution of the grant agreement is contingent upon the absence of terms subject to the injunction.

Duration: December 5, 2025, through April 7, 2030

Fiscal Impact: ☐ Current Year ☐ Multi-Year ☐ N/A

TBD. Fiscal impact is dependent upon approval of eligible expenses.

Authority Granted: Motion 26-242 approves and authorizes the Executive to sign the agreement between Snohomish County and Washington State Military Department.

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Background: In December of 2025, there was record flooding in Snohomish County. Thirty-six thousand acres were underwater. Flood impacts were presented¹ Council on January 27, 2026. As a result of the flooding:

- Roughly 70 individuals were sheltered,
- There were 52 emergency road closures, and
- 30 bridges were inspected for scour.

At the time of the presentation, there was \$18.4 million in estimated public expenditure and damages as result of the flooding (including \$3.65 million for road repairs).

On April 7, 2026, a major disaster was declared by the President due to damage from severe storms, straight-line winds, flooding, landslides, and mudslides between December 5, to December 19, 2025, in several Washington State jurisdictions – including Snohomish County. On May 11, 2026, FEMA provided notice of intent² to reimburse eligible applicants for qualifying costs to repair infrastructure and facilities damaged by severe weather during the disaster.

Requested Action: Move to the GLS agenda for Council consideration.

¹ [2026-0283 - Presentation](#)

² [Public Notice FEMA 4906-DR-WA | FEMA.gov](#)